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Rochester Institute of Technology

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\# Undergrad: 10,605
\# Grad: 2,430
Male: 68.0% Female: 32.0%

Instate Tuition: $22,056
Out − of − State Tuition: $22,056
Room and Board: $8,238

MAJORS IN

Accounting, Accounting Technician, Administrative Assistant/Secretarial Sci, Applied Mathematics, Architectural Drafting, Art Teacher Education, Athletic Training and Sports Medicine, Biochemistry, Biological Sciences/Life Sciences, Biology, Business Administration & Mgmt., Business, Business Information and Data Processing, Business Management & Admin. Serv., Chemistry, Civil Engineering/Civil Tech./Technician, Communications, Communications Technol./Technicians, Community Organization Resources & Serv, Computer Programming, Computer and Information Sciences, Construction/Building Tech./Technician, Counselor Educ. Counseling & Guid. Svc., Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement Admin., Culinary Arts & Related Services, Data Processing Tech./Technician, Drafting, Ecology, Economics, Elec. Electronic & Comm. Engin. Tech., Electrical Electronics & Communication, Electromechanical Tech./Technician, Engineering, Engineering − Related Technol./Techn, Exercise Sciences/Physiology & Movement, Film − Video Making/Cinematography & Prod., Finance, Fine

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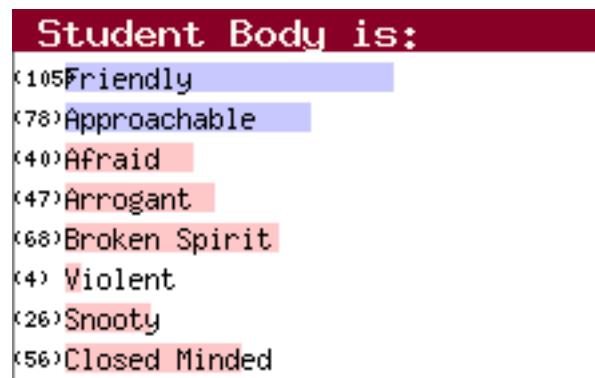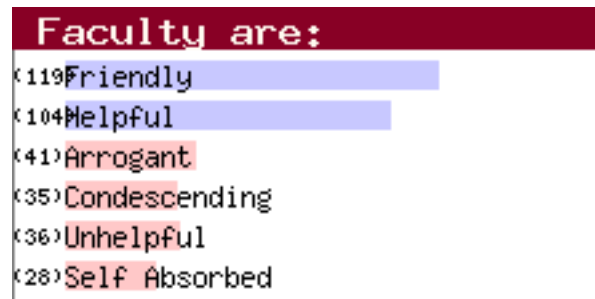SAT: 1221.00

STUDENT BODY:
African − American: 4.7%
American Indian: 0.4%
Asian: 6.0%
Caucasian (non − hispan): 71.3%
Hispanic: 4.7%
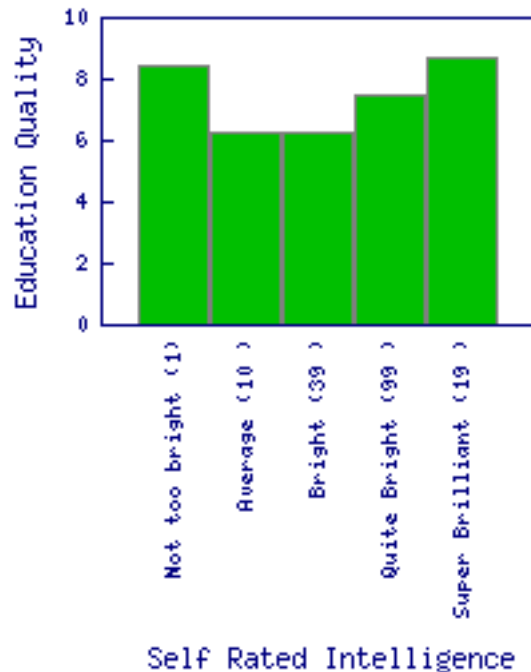International: 5.1%
Unknown: 9.5%

Similar Schools

1. Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute – Troy, NY
2. Cornell University – Ithaca, NY
3. George Washington University – District of Columbia, DC
4. Massachusetts Institute of Technology – Cambridge, MA
5. Columbia University in the City of New York – New York, NY
6. New York University – New York, NY
7. Harvard University – Cambridge, MA
8. Boston College – Chestnut Hill, MA
9. Boston University – Boston, MA
10. Worcester Polytechnic Institute – Worcester, MA
11. Carnegie Mellon University – Pittsburgh, PA
12. California State Polytechnic University – Pomona, CA
13. Brown University – Providence, RI
14. California Institute of Technology – Pasadena, CA
15. Rutgers The State University of New Jersey – Camden, NJ
16. Lehigh University – Bethlehem, PA
17. Arizona State University – Tempe, AZ
18. California Polytechnic State University – San Luis Obispo – San Luis Obispo, CA
19. Northeastern Illinois University – Chicago, IL
20. Yale University – New Haven, CT

Student Survey Results

Out of 168 Students, 85 (50.60%) would not choose to return to RIT, while 83 (49.4%) would return.

Faculty are:
- (119) Friendly
- (104) Helpful
- (41) Arrogant
- (35) Condescending
- (36) Unhelpful
- (28) Self Absorbed

Student Body is:
- (105) Friendly
- (78) Approachable
- (40) Afraid
- (47) Arrogant
- (68) Broken Spirit
- (4) Violent
- (26) Snooty
- (56) Closed Minded

Education Quality	7.3, **B**
Individual Value	5.0, **C**
Collaboration/Competitive	6.8, **B**
Innovation	6.4, **B-**
Schoolwork Useful	6.8, **B**
Friendliness	6.9, **B**
Faculty Accessibility	7.0, **B**
Social Life	4.4, **C**
Scholastic Success	7.1, **B**
Extracurricular Activities	5.8, **B-**
UniversityResourceUse	6.6, **B**
Perceived Campus Safety	8.1, **A-**
Surrounding City	5.7, **C+**
Campus Aesthetics	4.7, **C**
Campus Maintenance	7.6, **B+**
% of teachers who **do not** speak satisfactory English	**10-20%**

Self Rated Intelligence

Student Comments

- *Other - Male*

  Great school for info tech, or mech. engineering, but Simmone, the president is trying to turn the school into a sort of MIT. He recently passed the "dry campus" bullshit (no drinking on campus whatsoever) and is trying successfully to phase out the arts.

- ☺ *Other - Male*

  The Information Technology program can not be beat. RIT provides us with the resources and training to do what we (the students in IT) want to do with our lives. The IT department knows how to requests funds, and as a result acquiring new equipment is never a problem.

  For the social life, RIT is not a party school. It should have been apparent during any orientation, and for current students – the Alcohol policy (dry campus) has *always* been in effect. I knew about the policy before I signed up. That isn't to say you can't find parties on campus. There is usually some form of revelry available.

  The program can be difficult, RIT is primar-

ily an engineering school – most people who come here expect to work their asses off. If you slack, or spend too much time complaining (dry campus, gender ratio, etc.) you'll fall behind.

I came here to learn, and I'm quite satisfied with RIT.

☺ *Other - Male*

I would say this school is not for everyone. I think the going philosophy is "if you can't hack it, pack it". so if you are an aspiring engineer or computer scientist that doesn't mind hard work give a good look at the school. it is very easy to be successful here given that you try for it.

☺ *Aerospace Engineering - Male*

Overall RIT isn't that bad. As long as you have some time management skills and aren't a complete moron you'll do fine. Definitely Apply to Engineering House. I wouldnt' like it here without it.

☹ *Biology - Female*

2nd year biotechnology. I'll owe close to 50,000 or more when I graduate. Tuition has increased both years I have been here and I feel it will continue to increase. Above all, I feel like a number at the school. As a whole, I don't feel anyone cares about my education, that is, whether I succeed or fail. Some teachers are good some are bad. Technically, you can ask around and then pick the classes with the good teachers but this gets complicated when it comes down to the time of the class and how it fits in your schedule. Sometimes these classes fill up before you even have a chance to register for them.

yeah, I've had teachers that can't speak a lick of english. Some are warm and friendly others aren't so friendly. You should meet the all of the faculty in your college before you come here.

A dorm that you share with one other person costs more than the four bedroom apartments located on campus. Those apart-

ments are furnished and are not available unless you know a senior that is graduating and willing to sign over the apartment.

Between the dorms and some of the other apartments there is a long walk. The first year I was here, I did not enjoy the winter. The second year wasn't so bad, I hardly noticed the winter at all, but they may be due to the support I had from my boyfriend he would often pick me up.

The ratio was 70:30 my freshman year and 68:32 my sophmore year. I met an female computer engineer my second year (she was also a sophmore) and she said out of a class of 117 – 7 were girls. As a girl, I don't like this steep ratio and give props to girls who can stand sitting in these classes for four years. They may be the only girl or one out of three in their classes.

I work all day and all night at this school. I have classes during the day (all science majors do. . .) and work at an office in between classes during the day. I get home at 4 or 6 usually and have dinner. I study until I go to bed. Some nights I go to the gym which is open until 11pm. On weekends I study just as hard on average probably about 8 – 9 hours on the weekends. I usually take 17 – 18 credits per quarter.

☹ *Business - Management and Administration - Male*

I've got one word for anyone thinking of attending RIT.. STRESS It seems every year we hear about suicides, in fact last year one student tried to blow his head up with a homemade bomb. (Thank god it didn't work) Al Simone (the president) along with the rest of administration DO NOT listen to students feelings. This school is nothing more than a business, and not here to help students gain a rounded education and social experience. I personally also did not like being accused and found guilty of stealing a campus sign when I did not. One year probation for doing nothing : – /

☹ *Business - Management and Administration - Male*

After four years of attending RIT I (like many others) would not reccomend RIT to my worst enemy.

☹ *Business - Management and Administration (Alumni) - Male*

I feel as if I missed out on a big part of my life. I expected college to be fun, while at the same time be able to sit back and learn. Instead I graduated from a school in which it seemed like a struggle to deal with administration who dont want to listen to students. What little sense of community RIT had during my freshman year, was torn apart by the alcohol policy, and other senseless policies as keeping the freshmen completely seperated from upperclassmen. RIT, I finished all of your classes, paid all of your parking fines, dealt with your administration, helped other students pass their classes, gave you over $100,000, and you have the nerve to charge me for commencement invitations for my family? In other words my high school friends who are thinking of going to RIT, take a second look, and don't be scammed by the salespeople who tell you RIT is a great place to be.

☺ *Business - Management and Administration - Male*

Seeing how I have transfered from other schools this place is great. Though at first you may think RIT has a very close minded and arogant attitude a first there is much to do here. The campus life has a lot to do you just need to find it as with any campus. The faculty is great when it comes to helping students with course work. The are very accessable and approachable when you need them for extra help. The city is large enough that there is a lot do. If you allow yourself to get into the rut of hating the place then you will. RIT is a great place both academically and socially, one

must explore the campus and the town to get the real feel for life in Rochester and RIT.

☹ *Business - Management and Administration (Alumni) - Male*

Listen to some advice. Potential freshman need to steer clear of this school. Imagine hell...then make it cold. Now you can vision RIT

● *Business - Management and Administration - Male*

RIT is a pretty good school. They have an excellent business program and slightly above average faculty. The social scene here is really what you make of it. Some kids study all night in their dorms, but a good majority go out and have fun. Rochester is a pretty dull city, but the park ave/downtown bar scene is prety good. You can find students at Barfly, Whisky, Karma, and Tonic pretty much every night of the weeek.

● *Business - Management and Administration - Male*

pretty much what everyone said here is true. rit is a very unusual place. it messes with your mind on so many levels i can't even begin to describe it. i'll have to write a book when i'm out of here. after a few months of being here, i felt beaten down emotionally and spiritually. after 5 years of this place, i feel pretty much the same. you never get used to it. this has got to be one of the most depressing and twisted place on the face of the planet. Aside from all the homosexuality and exrtreme socialism pushed down your throat every day, all the "deaf superiority" complexes held by some kids, etc etc, this place just breaks your spirit. one of my friends got into drugs and became a satanist, running away to live in a trailer in the mountains of Pennsylvania with a male and female lover. while most of us don't go that far, we usually become so extremely depressed and

irritable because of the weather and...OK FINE. the girls. the ratio is about 8 desperate, horny, toolbox guys to 1 fat deaf girl with a goatee. i kid you not. i've been to RIT parties where girls will do several guys in one day and think nothing of it. it's disgusting and immoral and it sickens me to no end. nobody seems to mind or care. i will say, though, most of the guys here have given up or never tried in the first place. THIS SCHOOL EVEN HAS ITS OWN RAP SONG about how #*$)ed up it is

I cannot wait for this spring. I am going to get my own place in a quiet neighborhood and just read books and write memoirs for a year. Then i'll try to readjust to the real world.

On a positive note, the administration is full of pretty sharp people. While even they have their required Safe Zone (means they have to give gay/les/bi/transgendered kids special treatment), most of them are on the ball. i was involved in a business project in the business dept. and got to know a lot of the head administration really well and realized that most of them actually care about the students and what we think. they're actually trying hard as of late to ask us what we think. it may take a while for kids to catch on that all they have to do is speak up and they'll be heard.

- *Computer Engineering - Male*
  computer engineering is tough. i was great in highschool but i am struggling here. dont be fooled by the low sat average. the engineering school's avg is quite high actually...

- *Computer Engineering - Male*
  I hear my friends saying all the time how much RIT stinks, but I'm of completely the opposite opinion. RIT is what you make of it. Yeah, I'm a computer engineering major, but I'm certainly not a nerd, and I make sure to find things to do instead of studying 24/7. The campus is a little boring, commonly referred to as the "brick city", but its really not that bad...especially if you're

able to get off campus once in a while.

☺ *Computer Engineering - Male*
RIT is a great school, a lot of drinking and partying.. unless you aren't into that. Mixed with challenging and fun classes, which make for a great time. Our RA was gone last night so we had a party on the floor...it was fun – a lot of drunken techies.

✹ *Computer Engineering - Male*
A lot of poeple say that RIT has no social life, but I've found that you simply have to make your own fun. It's true that there aren't big faculty or frat sponsored activities very often, but I can get togetehr with a group of friends to go do somethign every weekend, and many weekdays if I need to.

☹ *Computer Engineering - Male*
Well lets start off with what most people agree upon, campus life is non existent, there is absolutely nothing to do here, Rochester itself is laughably dull. Oh another thing this is NOT a place to go looking for a girlfriend, as they make up about 30 % of the population although it will definately seem like alot less.A large portion of the students are anti – social and tends to fall into the self absorbed/arrogant geek category, A good 20% of the school probably falls under that class. A small portion are extremely bored individuals that have nothing better to do other then something rather juvenile, microwaving mustard packets or random yelling and screaming come to mind. Dorm life is laughable and the fraternites are little known. The housing situation is despicable as a few hundred freshmen fight for a few slots of decent housing. There is no sense of "community spirit or school spirit" or whatever you may want to call it.

On to education, most people will say the education here is spectacular, and well it isn't. The physics department here is pure garbage with the exception of 2 teachers, and "reknowned" Computer Science depart-

ment have maybe 2 teachers which students fight to get into their classes every quarter. Of course I am talking about the first to second year courses. The more specialized courses tend to have better professors but they are really nothing to write home about either and you still have teachers that really should be writing textbooks rather than teaching, in other words, their social skills make them very poor teachers. The Computer Engineering teachers tend to be good in quality with one or two exceptional ones and a few bad ones. The Liberal Arts department is one topic I can't go into too much since I haven't dealt with them too much and I have only taken a few Liberal Arts courses.

Onward to reputation, RIT Orientation for Computer related studies usually starts off with the proud fact that we are "Second in the field of Computer Engineering" and most will leave off the fact that " with colleges that don't have doctoral program", which leaves out all of the MITs and Columbias. Most people thought I was going to Rhode Island Tech. The Co – op oppurnities are good, which is the one thing I can definately say about RIT, there are a number of good names that take in RIT students. AMD, Intel, Lockheed Martin just to name a few.

Final Comments: This is a good second choice school for Computer Engineering/Science/ IT students. If you can't get into the MITs and the Carnegies, then go here, but be warned, 3 months in and you will want to transfer, I definately am.

☺ *Computer Engineering - Male*
Unfortunately, StudentsReview doesn't want responses to other students' reviews. . . so I guess I'll have to formulate my own.

I think that RIT is a *great* school. Yes, that isn't true of everyone that goes here, but after all, I came here for an education and I belive that I am receiving (and am almost done with) a great one.

My major is Computer Engineering – "advertised" as the second – hardest major at RIT. Nonetheless, this is strictly because of course work, and not because of Professor inexperience or whatnot. In the four years that I have spent here, just about every Computer Engineering professor that I have had has been great. Of course there are some that are better or worse than others but that happens everywhere.

For those people that are thinking of attending RIT to party every night – don't come here. Yes, there *is* a social life to be had, but it involves going out and getting one. I am from New York City – arguably the city with the best social life in the world – so if I'm doing alright in Rochester, it can't be all that bad. The city and its' suburbs are over a million people, and Buffalo and Syracuse (more fairly big cities) are driving distance away.

The two "complaints" that I have about RIT are parking and housing – two of the biggest complaints I hear. To address them: Housing – Yeah, RIT doesn't have enough housing for everyone. Quite honestly, I think they do a pretty good job getting housing for all the freshmen. The fact is, though, that in most places in the US, people need a car anyway... so get a car and move off – campus – you'll find it better anyway. And no, its not difficult to get an apartment as a college student – there are four major colleges in this city... apartment complexes are used to renting to students.

Parking – OK, so if you don't get to class at 8:00AM, you can't park within 5 minutes of the building – so what? There *is* ample parking to leave your car on campus, which is *a lot* better than a lot of other colleges I've seen. A lot of other colleges, you have to pay just to park your car on campus at all. At RIT, parking is free, *and* you can pay to park closer.

☺ *Computer Engineering - Male*

There are a lot of bitter people at RIT, and the reviews on this site reflect that. Here's my take:

Academically, RIT is very good. There are better schools in all of the majors, but for the money it is an incredible value to CS, engineering, photography, or deaf students. Classes can be tough, but for the most part I have found that you can do well if you just do the work assigned to you. Many people don't do homework (some teachers opt not to collect it), then complain when they fail a test.

Socially, things here are not NEARLY as bad as they have been made out to be. I have been to several parties, and have not had any difficulty finding them, despite this being a "dry campus" (not enforced in the least...). Even if you aren't into that, there are things to do, provided that you leave your room and find them. I've had lots of fun at on – and off – campus concerts, and Rochester has those "tourist – y" things like museums and historical sites to take your parents to when they come. Even as a floor, we have all sorts of special events in my building. Granted, I am in Honors housing right now, but a good RA will make life much more enjoyable.

Otherwise, there are some good things and some bad. Bricks are everywhere, but honestly I don't mind. I even think they look good The wind tunnel effect can be quite amazing, but that is more a product of geography than architecture. It is cold and windy here – that's the truth of the matter. We do have lots of tunnels for movement during the winter, but going to class can be *fun*.

Overall, this is a good school to study one of the aforementioned majors. For other majors, I have no idea how the program compares. Those who hate it here do so for one of two reasons:

1. They play Counter – Strike in their room all day with the door shut, then complain that the social life here sucks, or...

2. They expect college to be nothing but a 24/7 party. Go to U. of Colorado then... Sorry, but it isn't either. College is what you make it to be, and I'm having a good time here.

✸ *Computer Engineering - Male*

When I came here I had been told about the male/female ratio and about the dry campus, but I didn't think about it much. I choose RIT for its US News&WorldReport rating, and because the dorm rooms and facilities were clean and newly renovated. I considered transfering after the first week of classes, and I wish I had. I didn't know where else to go, and I decided to wait and see if it got better.

RIT is not for everybody, this I think is re-iterated many times here. The stereotypes used to describe those that will have fun and those that will not are a little too general. Engineering students at any school usually have below average social skills, this includes RIT and myself infact. Computer Science AKA Programmers also have this problem however they are quite different. Several CS major friends of mine have left because they didn't fit in with the 'CS Culture'. The best I can do is say that they can be kinda wierd people. Some CS students are into anime, and SciFi, and wearing black and the like. None of those things bother me really, but I know many people who hate that. There are also some elitests, though they are often very talented. How you'll feel about them depends on you.

Counter – Strike: Very popular when I was a freshman and still is. We left a super – bowl party to play a LAN game. The students who spend too much time playing games may be doing so only because that is what they did in highschool. The people they would likely want to be friends with are unfortunatly in thier rooms playing games as well. Basicly if your not a social person to begin with you'll have trouble. The more

social people don't accept others as much as they do at other schools, in my (limited) experience.

If you consider yourself an above average socilizer or better you'll probibly have no problem finding parties and people to hangout with. And there are things to do in rochester, but its not a big or glitzy city. If you consider yourself an intelectual frats and frat parties will probibly not be your thing. In fact theres a good chance you won't like the parties no matter who you are.

Girls: The ratio is bad. Whats worse, most of the girls are in art. This pretty much goes for any school I suppose. Expect a ratio of 20 to 1 in engineering courses. Mechanical and Industrial have slightly more women than others. One big shock as a freshman that was a part of wanting to transfer was the first day of chemistry for engineers. Class size was 220 and there were 6 maybe 8 girls. I don't remember but it was definitly less than 10.

Networking with other students is a must if you want to have any contact with women. This isn't just for dating purposes, I think it is important to have women around as friends. There is a phenomena that many men have noticed when they go home or otherwise leave campus, complete amazmenet at the number of girls, and they will all seem gorgious(at least baltimore girls do). You'll also notice that girls who would date the hottest RIT guy, are dating guys that are much less attractive. You may notice having more difficulty talking to girls because you havn't done so in a long time. This is the problem with having limited interaction with the opposite sex. Its like living in a wierd culture where women are highly sought after and quite scarce. Girls act act differently too. Girls who had always been average will find themselves very popular and it can go to their heads. Ladies, dont' think your enrolling into some utopic school. Many of the guys will be nerdy. I have heard

many girls complain that although the ratio is very much in their favor , when you take away the "un – datable ones" the ratio become basicly equal. (kinda harsh, unless your picky) You'll get lots of attention, plenty of help with your homework, but you may be disapointed with the 'quality' of the guys. (hint you won't like: nerdy guys are probibly the nicest and sweetest guys there are but are not the life of the party.)

As upperclassmen engineers, you will begin to really know and interact with your classmates. This is often the only way to get projects and assignments done, and the easiest way to get questions answered. Faculty in my department tend to have dificulty explaing things even though they have a mastery of the topic.

Finally: Quarter system is very stressfull, seems rushed. Hard to cover all material. I feel that cramming a course in 10 weeks makes it hard to retain that info after the class is over. The ambitious will do well at RIT. Know what type of person you are before coming here.

☺ *Computer Engineering - Male*
Rit is really a good school with a good program but you just have to find your fun and your social life yourself, nobody is gonna throw it in your face but i assure you its there if you look for it. Its a very challenging school where the work never ends but when your done you feel acomplished

☹ *Computer Science - Male*
Well, rit sucks the life out of you. There is no social life and if you want to paryt you need to know people. Such as being a freshman your basically screwed. Most of the prof suck they don't care about any of your feelings. If your a dork and nerd you will fit right in. Plus the gay population is overwhelming.

✸ *Computer Science - Male*
RIT computer science isn't that hard. Just get into the 'zen' of CS as a friend put it.

You go to class you go to lab, you sorta zone out, but learn. The projects and labs give you much more info than the lectures. Social life is pretty dead. The secret is to get some good friends that know how to party. After your first year move OFF CAMPUS if you can. It'll give you much more freedom. Remember above all, roadtrip to Geneseo (or if you have a friend their Vassar).

☹ *Computer Science - Male*
I'm in my second year now, and am struggling to believe the "you get what you put in" philosophy. I have found it very difficult to keep my hopes up here. The education is great, but that's really only half the college experience. Rochester doesn't offer many options, and it is really tough to meet people on campus since most are: a) Too stressed out to relax enough to meet people b) in love with their computers, or c) already established with their own group of friends.

I would recomend this school to anyone that is truly extra – verted, because it's likely that they'll meet enough people to havea fruitful experience. But to those that are somewhat shy, go somewhere that will draw you out, because all this place will do is keep you in your room.

• *Computer Science - Male*
STAY AWAY. This place is engineered to break you as a person. The administration tries to screw you over every opportunity you have. I hate this place with a violent passion. I hope it sinks into the swamp that it was built upon. Here's an example: The housing lottery, current freshman get priority over all upperclassmen, and the apartments they said were reserved for upperclassmen have been given away. 160 people got housing, that leaves 2000 in the lottery on the waiting list. This place is the fifth circle of hell.

☹ *Computer Science - Male*
I am a freshman here at RIT and just like everyone else here, I Hate it. I noticed that there were 10 reviews labeled bad by the reviewers at this web page and only one rated good. Welp now there are 11.

Supposedly college is the best time of ones life. Well not at RIT. Now i can only speak of the Computer Science Curriculum but, it is the worst designed system in the world. For example: if you don't electronically submit your code to a CS project at a certian time you fail the whole course. If you have one little bug in your code, or your output does not match theirs to the letter, you fail the course.

This seems more of a lesson in conformity than of one in Computer Science. Right now I can feel my creativity and imagination draining out of my life.

RIT's one purpose is to get money from your parents. Once you are in, they don't give a shit about you at all. You are documented by your social security number and thats it. They also screwed me by not accepting my AP credits. I got a 4 on AP Calculus, a 4 on AP Statistics, a 4 on AP Comp Sci A, and a 5 on AP Comp Sci AB. Yet here I am, learning everything I already know at a much slower pace.It makes me want to drop college totally. But I want that little piece of paper that costs 125,000 dollars.

The campus is fucking ugly. You would think that it doesnt affect you much, but seeing bricks all the time is annoying as hell. Plus the stupid designers that made the school created a wind tunnel to keep us even cooler in those 15 degree windy days.

Finally there is very little social Life. Having a dry campus accomplishes nothing. RIT student life tries to create new ways to entertain us, yet they all end up RITarted and boring.

I wish I had known of this webpage when i was ooking for colleges because i would never have come here.

to here me rant more..... got to my anti – RIT page
http://ritsux.freewebspace.com/index.html

☺ *Computer Science - Male*
The trick to having fun at RIT is to find your people and to find your place. If you are content playing counter strike with the nerds on your floor, you can do that. If you want to go drinking in some box/apartment complex, you can do that. If you want to join a frat and be a machoman dork, go ahead. If you want more of a soap opera lifestyle, join a special interest house like photo house.
And if none of that appeals to you, start a renegade kickball society.
As far as the whole learning thing is concerned, I'm satisfied. There exists an online professor evaluation system so you know in advance what professor to get.
In computer science, you leave knowing what you need to know to get the job done. And you can customize your education, with a choice of liberal arts concentrations and non – CS concentrations.
The weather is sour though. I keep telling myself that it builds character.

☺ *Computer Science - Female*
Not too much busy work in general. Some teachers don't know enough and shouldn't be teaching here and there but in all most of the teachers know there material quite well. Some liberal arts classes however can be a waste of time and some of the teachers in the liberal arts department think we are majoring in their class or something and assign way to much work.

☹ *Computer Science - Male*
I went to RIT for one semester and I had already had enough. Although many dropped because their grades were unsatisfactory, I left with a 3.75 gpa because the college just plain sucks. The computer science courses hardly teach you independent thinking and were mind numbingly boring. The campus is like a prison, since it is so seperated from downtown Rochester. Even if you had a car, its not like there is a whole lot to do around

town anyways. Not only that, but the campus is entirely brick and the CS buildings are on the other side of the campus (as is everything else, since it follows one straight path from the dorms, past the administration buildings, and finally to the class buildings). The people are nice, but many are shutins who step out into the halls only to get to class or a bathroom. No social life at all, even if you aren't into partying. This place breaks spirits like nothing else Stay away

• *Computer Science - Male*
RIT is a place where academics are the only good reason to come here. They have a great IT Program – unmatched by any other. The campus is dry (literally), nothing to do, students have a poor attitude (with good reason), no parties. Great internet connection. Too many anti – social people. 75% Male Campus. 2000 Deaf Students, 12,000 undergrads; 5% Single White Female

☺ *Computer Science - Female*
Well, RIT certainly lacks a few things in the excitement sector but aside from the few minor complaints, it isn't all that bad. The academics are great and I feel that I have learned quite a deal since my freshman year. Overall I am very satisfied.

☺ *Computer Science - Male*
RIT is a great college to go to, but only if you WANT to work. I am in the IT Major. This college is about learning. Everything about it is related to that, at least in my major. Work is hard, but VERY worthwhile. I have a job as a Computer Lab assistant (for the IT department), and I love it This college is just a great place, professors are some of the nicest, and most understanding people I have ever met. The only bad thing is the social life. I am not into partying because I am usually studying, but there is stuff to do. There are two pool halls, one with an arcade and lots of other stuff like that. If

you are into drinking the only place for that is in Colony Manor, even though technically it is a dry campus. If you are unsure about joining the IT program, it comes down to two questions. Do you ENJOY to do work in this field, and are you willing to work your but off. If yes, come to RIT.

☹ *Computer Science - Male*
Wow, where to begin.
You know what, there are far too many negative aspects to this school to list them all here. Hence, I will try to summarize, concentrating heavily on the social aspect of the school. If you are the type of person whose entire life is academics (no social life, no parties, no friends besides acquaintances that have personalities that are equally as boring as yours), or the type of person that likes to have no voice in any on – campus affairs, you will be warmly welcomed at RIT. There's a reason why the word "college" is not in the school's title. Every preconceived notion that you might have of college being the best time of your life will be shattered. Fraternities and sororites are being phased out, the only parties allowed are. . . oh, wait a minute there's no alcohol allowed on campus (punishable by academic suspension, and parties with alcohol in the off campus apartments are heavily enforced by Campus Safety, especially freshmen (as if to catch them before they get used to enjoying themselves)). Personally I can't wait to get out of this place, and I wouldn't wish that sort of feeling on anyone who's in their third year of "college". Do not come to RIT.
Thanks for reading, and take my advice to heart, because it comes straight from MY heart.

☺ *Computer Science (Alumni) - Male*
I do not know why others have been so harsh in rating this school. RIT does have quite a good reputation in fields other than Business like Computer Science and Engineering.
If the business students who posted on this

site feel as though they were not challenged enough at RIT, they should have picked a different major. If they feel as though RIT has not prepared them to "innovate" then they are incorrectly placing their blame. Innovation requires personal talent; it cannot be taught in a course. If you want to innovate, do it It's that simple.
This does not mean I totally enjoyed my experience at RIT. The workload was quite "heavy" which made life miserable at times. No question about it – RIT's undergraduate CS department is one of the best and most demanding departments in the nation. Their undergraduate program in CS is rigourous and comprehensive.
Your college experience is all what you make of it Do you want to challenge yourself at RIT? You can Take some hard courses. Don't be afraid to take difficult professors. If you tailor your course sequence so that you take the easy way out, you have no one to blame but yourself
I am glad that RIT is not a research university. Most schools look at undergraduate programs as a way of paying the bills. RIT does not. If you are looking for respect from people by getting an undergraduate degree from Princeton or Harvard then you should reprioritize so that your learning experience comes first. You cannot judge a school's undergraduate program by its graduate program. If you come to RIT for CS (I cannot speak for other majors), you will get your money's worth. That is, of course, you do not avoid opportunities which present you with challenges.
When you get here, ask around. Ask upperclassmen who the best teachers are, and what are the best courses. You will find upperclassmen to be very responsive.

☺ *Computer Science - Male*
Rochester Institute of Technology is a good school and I've enjoyed my years here. The weather isn't so great if you're from a warn area, but it's not too bad. Students and fac-

ulty are for the most part nice. Dorm life is a nice thing, but the on campus apartments are really awesome – fully furnished and newly renovated. I honestly wouldn't want to be anywhere else.

- *Computer Science - Male*
  This place has a tendancy to dampen your spirits. It's hott for the first few weeks – and many dorms don't have air conditioning; but everyone always talks about how much snow it gets in the winter. And it does. The sky is overcast most of the time. All of the buildings are brick, and you will walk the same path everyday to the academic side of campus, everything is clustered together for the most part, with the residence halls clustered a quarter mile away. Mostly guys, nerdy ones at that. The few girls who are here are art students – take from that what you may. What little joy there is on campus groups is exerted through the 'we're in this together' factor. The hockey is exceptional – until we go to D – I 06 – 07. The required courses are a little absurd (like psychology for CS majors); but it's state required, it'll be the same accross the board. The teachers can't teach, and have horrible accents. Again, this is a common problem with many schools; no one grows up to be a professor in America, so they import.

☺ *Computer Science - Male*
  I've only been at RIT for 3 weeks and it's been such a good experience. Not only in the academic aspect but also in the social one. Life at RIT is whatever you make out of it and seriously, people that complain usually would do nothing about what's bothering. Having a nice mix – up of people, extracurricular activities and technologic infrastructure, RIT is a great college to go to. Meeting people is not hard at RIT, they are usually friendly and if you want to go along with some of them they'll always give you a chance, of course, if you screw up and they cross the street whenever they see you then it's your only fault. For those who prefer to

chat at AIM with their roomates, then it's even more chances to know people so being a computer addict is not a excuse.

Academics are great, the profesors I've had by now have shown themselves very knowleable and experienced. For sure some might have problems with their english and some might be boring (even more in boring courses, like discrete math for instance. . .) but that you'll find everywhere. Anyway, most teachers assign pre – reading for their classes and they'll usually advace fast – paced in class so being dreaming about the gardens is not a choice, if you don't understand a class it's most likely because of your lazzyness.

Extracurriculars are great, I'd go to the gym 6 times a week, from which I'd work – out 3 times days and swim the other 3 days. There're a lot of wellnes courses, from music to all kinds of marcial arts, all types of sports and even massage classes. Having a reading in the pages is not bad... if you consider RIT then make sure you surf in the rit.edu directory and you'll see you'll findout everything you might be interested in.

One of the bad things about RIT is its expensive nature. The projected price for a complete year is around 30 thousand. But there are always good alternatives to go throught it. You can always can apply for financial aid and the statistics are good, which means you'll likely receive aid. Scholarships are hard to get, I'm actually trying to apply for them and you have to write essays and a lot more things, but hey, scholarships are good so don't spect then to be for "free". There are a lot of thinks you can be helped with, just go to the finnacial aid office. Anyway, if you don't want finnancial aid you can always go to ROTC and they'll pay your whole tuition.

RIT is all you'd spect from a technic school. The facilities are avialable most times and the support teams are always there to assist you in the topics of your inquires, for it's not enough to have access to the technology, it's

also important the right guiddance.

If you come here, make sure you want to work hard. Be prepared for winter and bring a big big smile for people will always answer you the same you do. If you spect to play games and fool around, you'll get it, like the guy who was all day long at ritchie's and was spelled after the first quarter for having such a bad GPA.

Meeting girls is not hard, I've actually found it really easy, just take away prejudges about people and you'll find it all, for if you spect all them to be really hot and jumping over you, then I'd say you need more some Psiquiatric Treatment than a girlfriend...

The campus is great, I liked it at night in the first winter days when it's quiet and you'll see few people around. I like the safeness that is in the air and like too the snow under my shoes. The wheater is horrible in winter but I love the way people smile at you when you walk the quarter – mile, kind of thinking: yes, this is a hell – hole so let's get over it and see the good things around.

☹ *Computer Science - Male*

To be fair, I will admit that many of my friends absolutely adore this place. But it takes a certain type of person to enjoy what RIT has to offer (and more importantly, what it doesn't). However I am not one of those people, and so I don't find it unreasonable to label this as a "negative" review. Academics:

While I knew RIT wasn't going to be any Cornell, I expected to be a little bit more intellectually stimulating than it has been so far. While some classes such as physics are challenging just for the sake of being challenging, others are laughably easy. The learning curve for some sequences seem strange (Comp Sci I is ridiculously slow and rudientary compared to the amount of confusing subjects introduced in CS II), and the courses here don't coincide with most other sequences at other universities, so transferring can be tricky, as my film friend and I

both learned. In fact, my old high school math teacher got quite a laugh out of the idea of doing a whole quarter of series and sequences in Calc III. While RIT says that most of the 10 – week courses here teach the same amount as a 15 – week semester class at another university, that really only applies to the higher – level classes; one 15 – week semester of physics I at the local community college equals two quarters of physics here. I was still doing simple motion in my physics when my friends at Cornell were studying forces in gyroscopic systems. However, RIT is a bit stingy with AP credit at times, as they do it strictly by the numbers; They only gave me one credit worth of English for my 5 on the AP English Literature Exam.

One of RIT's selling points is that all classes are taught by professors, which can either be a good or bad thing. Obviously, professors differ just as any other people, and my friends have had a lot of trouble with professors who are constantly behind, or don't care. As I mentioned before, some professors make their course ridiculously difficult to do well in even when the subject matter is not challenging, and tend to teach the course in illogical, unbalanced methods.

One thing you must keep in mind is that this is that this is a tech school, and each degree is quite specific. Don't expect any sort of expansive liberal arts programs; I made that mistake. Many classes, especially as you continue on, get extremely focused on your course of study and liberal arts fall to the wayside. Supposedly as part of RIT's initiative to increase its abysmal retention rate, the colleges are cutting down on liberal arts requirements so the techies around here can get decent GPAs. As a person who appreciates the arts and literature, I find this a letdown, though most of my hallmates are rejoicing.

Campus Life/Population:

While there are things to do here and there on campus and various routines come here

every so often, there isn't any sort of great social life or anything really to do on any given weekend. There are various game rooms and things, but they're not promoted extensively, and the usual weekend activites on my floor usually fall into one of three things: crowding in a room and drinking your ass off then puking it all up, going club-bing and watching whorey women dance, or, for those of more modest natures, sitting around doing absolutely nothing and trying to ignore the drunks. You really need a car to get off – campus as the bus system is lack-ing; if you ride the bus your choices really come down to the mall, target, wal – mart or wegman's.

Also, the lack of girls isn't something to take lightly, even if you aren't big on trying to get "hooked up", it certainly changes the per-spective. If nothing else, it highlights the amount of strange guys here, which is an-other gripe I have about this place. Call me sterotypical, but it's as if all those out-cast people from high school congregated to RIT. There's an overabundance of emo kids with goodwill suits, nerdy anime freaks, fake – goths who think they're in the Matrix, and general slackers. There's not even any "smart" techs like what you'd imagine to see at MIT (button – down shirts with khakis and pocket protectors) – just a lot of de-luded grubby white boys who want to live in Japan and make video games. Trying to find someone to have an intelligent conver-sation with (outside of tech talk) is next to impossible; most of my friends here run and hide when I say the word "literature".

Campus/Aestetics:
The campus is, quite frankly, ugly as sin. One time when we got lost on the bus sys-tem and ended up at U of R, I spent most of the time scraping my jaw off the pavement – U of R looks a thousand times better than RIT. Sure, it's just a backdrop, but walking through a brick canyon to class every day is a bit depressing.

It also gets snowy, which, being from around

this area, doesn't bother me too much, but some people find it incredibly horrendous. The real problem with the snow is that it locks people inside.

In Review...
Bad Things:
Strange classes with no transferable credit
Strange student body
Nothing to do
Snow
Bad food
Bad bus system
No real fun things to do in town
Overpopulation
Good Things:
Sushi Tuesday
Nice New Gym & Field House (for those who go)
Fast internet & lots of illegal programs on the DC++ hub
Free computer help (from your hallmates)
Friends (if you are emo, goth or wannabe Japanese)
Gracie's (if you like eating pig slop)
No Liberal Arts (a plus if you are a tech geek)
None of that crappy "school spirit"... be-cause we have no football team

Computer Science - Male
This isn't a party school. I did too much partying in highschool. If I had attended a "party school", I would have failed out by now. This school slowed me down a bit. I also met the love of my life at this school. She's one of the few beautiful girls here. Good luck finding one yourself :)

*Design Arts   -
Industrial Design/Graphic Design/etc   -
Male*
R.I.T. is a very good school that provides a quality education that will help students to find a good job and maintain a lucrative career. On the other hand, the university has very distorted ideas of how it's students are to behave. The extremely outdated drinking police helps to make the social life

of students miserable. The board of trustees treats students like pre – adolesence that have no responsibility.

- *Design Arts* -
Industrial Design/Graphic Design/etc -
Female
this school has a lot of resources and some talented faculty. It gets really cold and the work is like 14 hrs a day in the arts foundation(if you want to be good). There are a lot of techies and not much social life.

- *Design Arts* -
Industrial Design/Graphic Design/etc -
Male
Challenging program, but I know I will land an awesome job coming out of this place.
Places like Penn State, kids can drink and party 24/7 and still ace a class, not teh case here, hell you're lucky if you can even FIND a party.
Rochester in itself is a boring ass city, not a whole lot to do, especially in freezing temps (which encompasses most of the school year)
Got to be the ugliest campus I looked at, but then again, its an enginerring school so what do you expect? I think the worst part is their attempts to doll it up with sculptures and new buildings. I mean what is the logic behind putting a 65 foot tall sharp metal thing in the middle of a cul – de – sac in order to ease aesthetics?
I was looking for a challenge, but sometimes this place just fries the brain to completion.

- ☺ *Design Arts* -
Industrial Design/Graphic Design/etc
(Alumni) - Male
Ok, I will be the first to admit that RIT has its problems. But most of the complaints I have heard come from people who are either never satisfied, or think college is that thing that you see in movies chock full of sex, booze, and being stupid, with a class or two slid in during periods of sobriety. I

think RIT is a great place for people who want to work hard, get a good education, and be exposed to a variety of things. I was a graphic design major, and I thought it was fantastic that I could take a ton of different liberal arts courses, as well as fun courses like "wines of the world", or join just about any type of club known to man. I also loved the variety of people – I have art friends, computer friends, engineering friends, and more. There are problems with lack of school spirit and social life, but if you have the will to get yourself off campus and look for fun, there is tons to be found in Rochester. Great coffee shops, indie and mainstream films, museums, sports teams, a good selection of concert venues, and an amazing selection of bars and restaurants. Plus, Buffalo, Syracuse, Niagara Falls, and Toronto are all within a 3 hr drive
For those people who think RIT is a bad place to go I say good riddance. If you are looking for a party school where you will get to only socialize and drink, save your money and head for the closest state school. And for those people who commmplain about the homosexuality on campus – well you just proved you are too ignorant to be at a place like RIT. Good riddance to you too.

- ☹ *Electrical Engineering - Male*
This university is great if you are not a white male. . . in fact the more of a minority you are the better off you are. For example a deaf, black/hispanic, girl will have no problem graduating and finding a high – paying job. RIT will clear the way for you, in fact they will shove out of the way the rest of us. Don't come here if you believe that everyone should have an equal opportunity.

- *Electrical Engineering - Male*
RIT actually teaches you. It's not a research school, so the professors' main concern is that you learn. Pretty expensive. Not a lot to do on the weekends. NO GIRLS AT ALL.

☺ *Electrical Engineering - Male*

RIT is a superb school to attend. Yes, the social life is a bit "ick," and the campus isn't abound in lakes and wildlife. However, that's likely of a Technical University. The school's reputation precedes it, and it is purely true that RIT is great in academia and other areas. Everyone is friendly, including faculty and students. My field, Electrical Engineering, is especially challenging, but with some hard work it will easily be accomplished.

☹ *Electrical Engineering - Male*

This could be the most depressing place on Earth. Lets get straight to the pros and cons:

Pro: Great and deserved academic reputation. You will probably find a good job if you graduate.

Con: Very difficult to do well – I knew a lot of people on or close to academic suspension. Quarter system is rushed. The school has something like a 25% graduation rate.

Pro: High speed internet.

Con: High speed winds and extreme cold and ice. Walking to class every morning is to be dreaded. Sleep in the academic buildings if you can.

Pro: Food isn't bad. Its cool to say it isnt, but if you sample some other schools' fare its really not bad in comparison.

Con: The campus. Youll love it... if you like bricks. Every building, brick. 80 million bricks. Brick dorms, brick sidewalks, bricks everywhere... and snow and mud. Red brown and white. It all adds up to break you. And Im not talking just aesthetics: the campus was designed to be in Arizona (hot) but is in Rochester (windy and cold). This changes the artificial wind tunnel that you have to walk through to get to class from a good thing into a very, very bad thing. The layout is basically a line: dorms on one end and academic buildings on the other. I think they made it like this to maximize the distance you have to walk to class.

Pro: If youre a girl, theres plenty of single guys and you can probably stop showering and still have 3 or 4 boyfriends. If you have time with all the work, that is.

Con: Social life. Not much to do if you dont have a car except join everyone playing counterstrike. If youre looking for a girlfriend, forget it. Even if you lose all standards, the numbers just don't work. MAYBE if youre an art or photo major. You cant even socialize on your vacations with your friends back home because theyre not synchronized with other colleges that run on a semester system.

Con: Cost. You have to wonder just why it costs them $120,000 to put one student through here when you can go to a comparable private college for less than half of that. Maybe its all going to the multimillion dollar athletic center that is going to go unused by 95% of the student body. Definitely not into much – needed housing.

Con: Big, cold, unfriendly university. Professors are too busy with research to care about students, and too high and mighty to admit flaws in their teaching methods.

Con: Registration. If you want to get a good schedule, you'll have to stay up and try to get a login spot on the VMS system as soon as it opens at like 6am. If you cant login within 30 minutes, likely half of the courses you wanted are filled up.

Pro: Tunnels. Tunnels connect all the dorms and most of the academics. Very nice due to the cold. You can go to the dining halls without going outside.

Con: Tunnels. Dorm and academic tunnels are two seperate systems. So you can't go to class through the tunnels, which is the longest, windiest and most frequent walk students generally make. There are no plans to connect the systems, as far as I know. Actually, there is a cramped utility tunnel running underneath the quarter mile, but it is not very practical for things other than steam or network cables.

Chances are that this place will break you

and you will transfer very quickly. If not it will be a painful 5 or 6 years. Do a search for "Liquid X – RIoT Rich.mp3" It offers a mostly accurate portrayal of RIT in just a couple of minutes of song. I only wish I had known all this before I wasted a year of my life here. Don't make the same mistake I did.

☹ *Electrical Engineering - Male*
Lets face it. You're paying for a Volvo, and you're getting a 1980 Toyota. These people think that RIT has a great reputation, and that RIT is basically the best thing ever. WRONG Reputation? I'm here only because I was turned down by real universities (MIT, Caltech and Cornell). These people think that their programs are the best. WRONG My friends in England are studying stuff which is much, much more demanding, and any first year student there could destroy (intellectually speaking) any dork here. The funniest thing is that some kids here think that they are "gifted" (maybe too much "A Beautiful Mind" ?). Honestly, I wish RIT was more selective for admissions. Its amazing (and sickening) to see the number of kids here who only care about getting A's... never mind if you learned the material or not. Like a professor of mine said: "If RIT did not award partial credit... the graduation ceremony would take place inside a phone booth".
Ok, the campus is amazingly ugly, but they are trying to make it nicer. The funny thing is that, although the complain about their 30% attrition rate, they raised school fees and tuition by 5% this year (2003 – 2004). Finally, I'd like to say that I hate every single dork here. They only care about their grades, and they want to do as much extracurricular activities as possible, for the only reason of enlarging their resumes (compensation for something?). They don't care about learning, they just want to get good grades and graduate.

- *Electrical Engineering - Male*
There are some excellent and challenging professors but they are the biggest minority.

☺ *Electrical Engineering - Male*
I absolutely love RIT. I am very happy with the opportunities that I've received as a freshman alone, and I am looking forward to my sophomore year even more. It is said by some people that there is nothing to do on campus, but I find that this is absurd. There is always plenty to do on and off campus if you are one to look for it. The problem is that so many people are often too absorbed in their computers or video games to go find something to do. The campus does have a rather dull look, and is certainly not typical looking for a university. I don't personally mind it at all as it fits the technological atmosphere very well. However, because of complaints they are making it look a lot nicer. Faculty and staff are almost always willing to help and most faculty get to know you on a personal basis. Making friends is easy, especially within your major. Before applying, I couldn't see myself at any other college. Now that I've spent a year there, my opinion remains unchanged.

- *Electrical Engineering - Male*
From my experience, you will get a great education at RIT, but you have to be willing to work to get and maintain a decent social life.

☹ *Electrical Engineering - Female*
Another recent commont confirms exactly the reasons I decided to stop going here. I will add that in the electrical engineering department, the few classes I took emphasised cranking numbers on paper and in the calculator over understanding important electrical concepts. Since the school will accept just about anyone to get a few quarters of tuition out of them, they don't want to make the work impossible for people who don't truly have the engineering spirit. Instead,

any hard working person can crank the frequent but non – challenging homework out. This frustrated me. I would spend more time doing my homework if I felt it was something that would benefit my test grade, but instead it is usually just a mandatory aspect of your grade. The best professor I had collected the homework to see how much effort you were putting in, but never counted it towards your final grade. The bottom line is, not everyone learns the same way and if professors don't give the opportunity for students to prove that they've learned something and instead dock them points for pedantic reasons, it is simply intolerable.

The stories of the social life are true for the people that would have issues in the first place. It is true that just like in prison, you can always make friends. The problem is that a few too many people are ok with just sitting in their rooms, and there aren't enough crazy party types to convince the lazy types (like myself) to leave their room and have some fun. For me, this was a problem. If you are not shy and you are the one leading the crowd, you will not have a problem.

Between the high dropout rate (because of the pointlessly high acceptance rate) and the co – op system, it makes it hard to really make GOOD friends. Sure, I had acquaintances in a a few classes, but when you're only going to class for 10 weeks at a time its tough to figure out who the interesting people in clas are. Then, bam, 10 weeks of co – op and you don't even see the people around and by the time you come back they're on co – op and its even longer. Basically, the beginning of every quarter is like starting from square one as far as trying to form a social group. Once again, if you are an outgoing person, it is likely that you can meet people you like, but if you're not its tough to feel really comfortable around anybody.

If there is one thing I will say, they do an excellent job at trying to keep you as the student support specialists in the engineering department were very helpful for me, but it got to a point where they pretty much agreed that there was nothing they could do about my complaints regarding the school. If you are thinking about going here but not sure what the engineering mentality entails, you can probably do a lot of work and get a degree. If you know engineering means designing and implementing solutions to real problems, you will be disappointed when you find out that even 3rd year students do not get to test their abilities at solving problems that aren't hugely contrived.

I'm going to bust my butt to try to get into MIT. Between its extremely competitive admissions and its top rated education, I'm sure I could be succesful if I went there.

- *Fine Arts* - *Painting/Sculpture/Photography/etc* - *Male*
  at RIT you get a mix of it all. having an extrememly wide range of majors, from computer retaled, to the arts, you find people from all walks of life and with all sorts of life styles. such a vibrant mix from the extremely outgoing to the enormous introvert. It isnt so much that RIT is a bad school by itself, its what makes up the school. the buildings are boring, and then get depressing when associated with the not so great weather. and just the placement of the campus is bad luck. aside from concerts and bowling, there reallt isnt that much to do here.
  at times you question what the admisistration's goals really are. by seeing where the money is being allocated and the such. and then some shady business here and there. but all in all i enjoy it here. i love my major, have met great friends...and thats all i really need. and there is plenty to do on campus....just gotta look for it.

- *Fine Arts* - *Painting/Sculpture/Photography/etc* - *Female*
  Visiting this campus is a MUST before you

decide on attending RIT. RIT's campus is by no means attractive, but they are working to improve the overall aesthetic. Everyone I've met (students and faculty) is very friendly and willing to help. RIT is really lacking in school spirit and there isn't football if that's important to you, but there is a killer hockey team.

I suggest attending RIT ONLY if this school is prestigious for your specific major – that's what's keeping me here for photography. Otherwise, go somewhere else that's cool, has a good campus, school spirit, and less bricks. oh and by the way, if you don't like overcast days DON'T COME HERE – this is the most overcast place in the nation next to Seattle = depression. peace.

- *Fine Arts* -
Painting/Sculpture/Photography/etc -
Male
academics are good, social life is bad. I don' know what it is about RIT. It is so depressing sometimes. Back in High School i use to party with a select group of friends, not just go on drunken rampages looking for random people. However, at RIT things are different. I feel like the people here would much rather play video games than make friends. The school has made me want to transfer simply because I cannot for the life of me make friends here that enjoy the same things I do; some kids study all the time, some kids party way to much, some kids dont talk to anyone and play Everquest all day...I just can't seem to find a place for me. One other depressing thing about RIT, although I have a wonderful, beautiful girlfriend back in Indy, is that There are hardly any females here. The ones that are usually are kind of weirdy art students, gross engineering chicks, and quiet ones.

Just so people know, this is a neutral survey; i dont want to make it sound like RIT is terrible for everyone, it is not. The people that will most enjoy themselves here are people that come from high school that didnt go to parties every weekend, can handle being alone for periods of time, and were typically the quiet ones in school, period. For the rest of us, you may find this school to be a tad on the boring side. If you really want to go here (by the way, i hear the co – op program is amazing) than you should not hesitate, just be sure you can handle leaving a social life behind, if that is, in fact, what you are doing.

🙁 *Math (Alumni) - Male*
Just a couple of points, I keep reading about the quality
of education at RIT. The quantity of the work is inarguably
heavy, but the *quality* is abysmal. It's a lot of work
that takes very little talent to do. There is no emphasis
on originality or innovation. The coursework is stripped
of much of the conceptual framework, and is simply procedural.
Make no mistake about RIT : the emphasis is on technical
training, not education. A spokesman from motorola came
to give a talk when i was an engineering major. He said
he was glad RIT was graduating students who "provide technical manpower" rather than doing "just basic research."
Translation : RIT graduates aren't capable of innovation.
And don't think technical training will make you successful.
If you're not creative, aggressive, and an effective communicator, you are going to be stuck at the bottom of
the corporate heap your entire life.
Comments from RIT's own faculty to me, when i was a student :
"The difficulty of work here . . . this is really just all phys. ed."
"The faculty don't think much of the stu-

dents here ..."
Also, RIT's reputation falls to almost nil 200 miles outside
of rochester. I live in boston, and it's virtually unheard
of. A classmate of mine had a 4.0 in mathematics, along with stellar test scores and other accolades. He was turned
down by RPI for graduate school. RIT's reputation did not
match this boy's talent, and he paid the price.
I would encourage any student considering RIT to look at
RPI and WPI instead. If you don't get accepted, you may be better off going to some local college to do some "core" work for a year or two, accumulating credits and laying down good grades (and saving money.) But steer clear of RIT. It's the DeVry of 4 year universities.

- *Math - Male*
This is a Job Orientated University. If you want to get into deep analysis in the Libral Arts, don't go here. If you want to come here and learn how to be a Scientist or Engineer, then come here. RIT is right up there with the best of them in Undergraduate reasearch. Teachers here are great and will work around your schedule, not the other way around.
Social life is what you make it. This aint a party school, espically during the last 3 weeks of the quarter. The Greeks have parties, and you can find others if you want. There are so many clubs it is hard to remember even 1/4 of them. The homosexual population can be annoying, but what school dont have so libral quirk.

☹ *Mechanical Engineering - Male*
Stay away. If college is supposed to be even remotely fun you want some place else. The engineering staff is good but the liberal arts crap you are forced to take the professors are HORRIBLE. Some dont speak english while others dont allow you to have an opinion if

it conflicts with theirs. Campus safety is there to give out parking tickets and tickets for anything else you might consider doing (riding a bike on the walk to class, etc.) The dry campus dosnt bother me because i dont drink anyway but this place is definately out to impress the parents not help the students. After going to class here i feel like i should be in special ed (This is after being in the top 10% of a very large highschool class.) If you want engineering or science without fun this is the place but unfortunately you are forced to take the university's definition of liberal arts along with it.

✷ *Mechanical Engineering - Male*
My major is actually MET but this site is stupid. RIT is the worst piece of shit to ever land on gods green earth. If you enjoy contact with females (even JUST talking with them), decent parties, and having some ocassional fun, then don't come here. Where is the statistic on our schools retention rate on this site? almost 2 of 3 incoming freshman don't make it. What does this tell you about RIT? 2 out of every 3 people don't make the same mistake twice. If you are EVEN considering this school because the academics are good, or perhaps you like computers a little more than you should, then keep this in mind. THE WEATHER HERE IS SUB – ARCTIC. RUN WHILE YOU CAN YOU FOOLS DON'T WASTE YOUR MONEY
oh, if you are a homosexual, then perhaps you SHOULD come here. The fudge – pack-ulation is pretty high here.

- *Mechanical Engineering - Male*
no girls, same parties, greek life is weak, campus is sort of isolated, no bars unless u drive downtown.

✷ *Mechanical Engineering - Male*
If you looking for a school with a great academic program than this is the right school for you. If you like sunny weather and girls, you may want to look else where. RIT is

cloudly/ snowing almost all the time and the male to female ratio is not in the favor of the guys.

☹ *Mechanical Engineering - Male*

As a fifth year engineering student, I almost feel obligated to share my experience with the folks who are considering this college. I'll try to keep this short and sweet so I don't bore anyone.

Faculty – Without exaggeration, I'd say around 70% of the engineering faculty can be described as cold, avoidant, and unreceptive to students' needs. You're a number, and they want you out as quickly as possible, and with as little effort as possible. To be fair, there are some great teachers here, but they're few and far between. If you learn really well on your own with a textbook and some decent notes, then you're golden.

Student body – I know it's been said before, but it deserves to be repeated: There are virtually no girls in engineering. I might have one or two girls in any given engineering class. I didn't really care too much when I got here, but after three years, it's pretty awful. The guys are typically friendly, but extremely timid which can make meeting people hard sometimes. However, there a few frats (if you're into that), you could join a club on campus, or try to find a clique. Some people do, some don't.

Cirrculum – The only thing I've been satisfied with is the course content. I think this is partially due to the quarter system, since each class is only 10 weeks, and the cirriculum is *5 years*. So, they can pack in some pretty cool courses you might not find at other schools. The cost of course, is that you don't get summer breaks, you don't get *any* holidays off (Columbus Day, Labor Day, MLK Day, etc.), and your winter and spring breaks are only two weeks. They really work you here.

Co – ops – I'm particularly bitter about the whole co – op thing, and I'll explain my two reasons why. In theory, the whole thing sounds great. I get the opportunity to work in between class quarters What they *don't* tell you is that you no longer receive a summer break. You are required to either be working or in class ALL YEAR. The other thing is, for anyone who's tried to find a career related job before, its not that easy without a degree. RIT *does not* assist you in finding a job. You attend two seminars, and are able to post your resume on an RIT job finding website...that's it. Moreover, try to find an engineering company that will hire a 20 – year old kid without a degree, spend time and money to train him, and then get rid of him after only 10 weeks? If you have an outlet to unlimited summer engineering jobs without requiring a degree, then it provides you with an incredible experience. But the reality for many folks is that most of the viable engineering co – ops get snatched up by the straight "A" honors students.

Rochester area – Believe it or not, I love the Rochester area. I like snow, and I like the fact that it's sort of in the sticks of NY. If you're someone who likes winter sports, or if you just like the cold in general, yeah, Rochester is a great place. Unfortunately, there isn't much to do around RIT. Yeah, there's a mall, a couple bars, maybe a few good hiking trails, etc. Unless you make the trek into town (weather permitting of course) the activities around town come up short.

I apologize, I know I'm neglecting to cover some of the good things about RIT, like their computer facilities, or the underground tunnels, and the obvious effort being put in to brighten up the campus, but I'm telling you things most people don't mention, but I wish they would. I wish someone told me these things during my tour of RIT. Had I known that I'd never have another summer break, be ignored by professors, and fight tooth and nail to find a job all while taking difficult classes, then maybe I would have second guessed my first choice.

That's *my* opinion of RIT, so take it for what it's worth ; –)

☺ *Physics - Male*
RIT is a great place there sometime is a lack of things to do but to be honest my first year here was the best of my life there was always something that i found to do. As for the extracurricular activities and sport, i have found little trouble getting involved in them and feel them about the same level as any other division three school. I have had no problem with the faculty and staf in my department save one. My two years at RIT haave been both enjoyable and beneficial to me in many ways.

☺ *Physics - Male*
I like it at RIT, its a cool place especially in the winter when an average of about 93in of snow falls. My academic department is great and i am very satisfied with my academic expierience. The athletics here while some may complain about them are average to above average for a division 3 school. The social scene outside of that too can be lacking, but i have found no troubel finding it thus far.

☹ *PreMed and Medical - Male*
RIT...How can I put this hellhole into words? It sucks That about covers it. The best part of RIT is the speed of the internet connection. Thats about it for positive remarks. The list of negative remarks would be too long to list. A couple would be, No social Life, Ugly Campus, Administration that does not care what students say, Student Government that is worthless, No parking, No Alcohol, not enough housing, etc. You get the point.

• *PreMed and Medical - Female*
it is a good school, just don't expect to be patying alot your always busy with homework, and no one goes out...if your looking to learn its the best place to be

• *Criminal - Male*
After spending 4 years at RIT you learn to like it or leave it. You can place people here at RIT into 4 categories. Jocks, Fraternity/Soroity types, Computer nerds, and Art students. If you can see yourself getting involved in campus activities its not such a bad place, it just takes time to get used to. When I started here I absolutely hated it here. Instead of transfering I stuck out the first year and joined a fraternity. Probably one of the best decisions I have ever made. This school has taught me one important life lesson. Its not always going to be as you planned. I though college was going to be a crazy animal house type experience. While sometimes here that can be said, most of the time it can't. But if you learn to keep yourself busy and take time to get away from work RIT can be a pretty good place to go and get an education.

☹ *Video/Media - Female*
I find this college a tourture waiting to happen and it has happend and it happens over and over again...Some of the facialty we have here waste alot of the students' time... We pay good money to get an decent education but instead we get a lot butt kicking, careless, greedy faclity and staff.... Right now I am a film video student who is struggling like crazy to just get some support for a video proposal.. Most of the facity there cling together and turn against the students and make them feel less then what they are...
If you new people are checking out RIT you better ask a student how they feel about rit not an adviser,professor or a tourest guide person...
I say do more indepth reseach before heading to RIT....

☹ *Video/Media - Female*
My 2.25 years here have been absolutely miserable. In fact, I hate it so much I'm transferring after this quarter. People here live for their computers. They live glued

to their computers. Computers are life. Combine the unhealthy computer obsessions with the crap weather and it's a wonder if you have any human interaction on campus at all. This place is basically a glorified trade school; students and teachers alike focus on getting a degree so you can get a job, ignoring any attempt at getting a well – rounded education. Trust me, man, don't come here. Unless, of course, you REALLY love your computer.

- *Video/Media - Male*
  Getting a decent professor in any department is like flipping a coin. It's truly a 50/50 chance if you're going to get an awesome teacher or absolutely horrible teacher.
  The Film/Video department is a 1 out of 8 chance to get a good professor. Most of them are so egocentric it makes almost any class unbearable.
  Info Tech classes are a toss up. It's been 50/50. But you can learn a lot even from bad profs. The students were great. The University as a whole was annoying because all of the departments think they are better than the others, and refuse to talk one another. You, have to force them to work anything out. I ended up dropping out because I couldn't get the different departments to work things out when I wanted to change majors.

☺ *Video/Media - Male*
  All of these negative comments are just wrong. RIT definitely has a social life. albiet you do need to put in a little more effort to find it, but you can. The kids who complain about there not being a social life would be sitting infront of their computers playing games on friday night at the biggest party schools in the country. The weather sucks, yeah. But you knew that coming Rochester so stop complaining. For those who complain about our mythological 'dry campus'. . . thats never stopped me from partying, i dont think its stopped anyone. And stop complaining that your working too hard, you did come to college didnt you? If you didnt want to work why not go live in your parents basement till your 40? Yeah, ill agree that the male female ratio sucks here, but the U of R, and a number of other schools are right near by, if you want to meet a girl, make the effort and do it.

Music Education - Male
RIT is a very good academic school. You get buried with classwork and are expected to learn at a very aggressive pace. You will learn alot here. The schools reputation does not extend very far outside Western New York. Don't expect RIT's name to land you a job in most parts of the country. I would not recommend this school only because of the extremely negative social experience that is had by most that attend. It has taken me 2 years to excape the negativity absorbed there.

Undecided - Male
I am a freshman and one of about 80 students in the newly formed honors program. I also have a 4.0 GPA. And yet I am actively trying to transfer out of this school.
I will admit that RIT has a good academic program. If you go here you will likely be challenged and when you graduate you will probably get a very good job. This college also has an excellent co – op program to help you on your way and decide if your major/job is right for you (at least from what I've heard from other students). The staff here are good and easily approachable, at least all the professors I've had so far.
However, after academics there is little else to help this college (as I'm sure you're tired of reading by now). The social life is terrible and this is compounded by the new administration's attitude toward draining the life out of the students. Social life and school pride has really gone down in the past few years (again referring to the people who graduated a few years ago). The only

motivation I have is to go to class, get good grades, and wait for the quarter to end. Male:Female ratio is abysmal as well. So is the weather and the dreaded "quarter mile walk" to classes. You really will dread your choice if you decide to come here.

This school has excellent academics but there should be more to college than just class. I hope you will follow my advice, choose a more well – rounded college, and stay away from RIT.

☹ *Undecided - Female*
Don't go to RIT. No one likes it and if they do, they are pale, skinny individuals because all they do is sit at thier computer and study. I'm about to transfer out (thank you god). The campus is ugly (no windows in the classroom), the food is OK, the activities are OK, social life sucks and the work is harder than hard.

☹ *Undecided - Female*
Even after we were there enrolled as students, they still tried to "sell" the school to us. The students were ok for the most part – just a bunch 'o freaks and geeks in a common predicament. But I only know of 2 people who started there and finished their degree there. (Years after the allotted 4 years for an undergrad degree). Everyone else transferred out or in, or dropped out altogether, completely defeated and with a bad taste in their mouth. You were treated like a number, nobody would even talk to you unless you could prove your bills were paid up to date, and faculty was hard to get ahold of. At the community college I went to after this horrid experience (much better), the professors would tell you to call them up at home if you needed some help. I even went to a picnic at my academic advisor's house At RIT, however, we were told, "If you call me at home, I WILL fail you right then and there."
Nobody gave a rat's ass whether you understood anything, wanted help, or were struggling with living away from mom & dad. All you could do is cling to the brick walls for warmth in the middle of the night while you waited for the fire trucks to come and tell you it was safe to go back in to sleep. (Nightly fire – alarm – pulling in the dorms) And having worked for campus safety at one point, I can tell you I most certainly felt WORSE about my safety once I got to know the arrogant pricks who were more concerned with towing cars 15 minutes before the lots closed than people getting raped in the bathrooms right outside the campus safety office
I can't stress enough how much this school sucks And don't get me started on the weather. . . I used to tell people, "if I wanted warmth, I would've gone to Florida." Yeah, well... trust me, even if you LIKE snow, you will learn to hate it more than anything imagineable. And the snow is the least of your worries – then there's the – 60F wind – chill. And did I mention I packed up everything I owned and moved 317 miles East because there's no class or culture to speak of in Western NY?
The people who live there are totally defeated. They've given up on life, and they've got to be the most lazy, self – defeating people I've ever met. It engulfs you and sucks you in. Run away Don't even consider it

☺ *Other - Female*
You'll hear alot of negative about RIT, but as with everything in life, this university is what you make of it. I love this place. My major, imaging science, is small enough and varied enough to make me feel like a true individual. If you are afraid of work, then this is not the place for you. The real world is a challenge, no one pampers you – and this school certainly tries to live up to that sort of expectation. And yes, there is quite a social life. Parties DO happen every night, and there are PLENTY of things to do in Rochester as well – don't believe everything you might hear.

- *Other - Female*

Rochester: The weather is pitiful – the winter is terribly cold and dreary (only go to RIT if you like snow), and you can go months without seeing the sun at all. That said, the summers there are absolutely gorgeous. . . endless sun... not that you'll likely choose to take summer classes.

The town is boring and there aren't really many places to shop other than a small shopping center (Marketplace) and some strip malls. Wegman's is the nearest grocery store, and it's wonderful It's even open into the wee hours of the night for your sleepy perusal during dormitory false fire alarms. I guess if you are very social and look hard enough, you can find some fun nightlife spots here and there in Rochester (Tremors is one club, there are a few others), but it takes definite effort.

There are a bunch of restaurants, so that's a plus. DiBella's has great subs, The Distillery is a regular hang – out. There are the typical TGIFriday's type places and even new and fancy spots like Bahama Breeze.

Niagara Falls is only 90 minutes away, so visiting Canada is a favorite pastime. The lake is a half hour drive North, if you want to picnic on the beach (when it's warm)

The school: RIT is not the happiest college in the world. Most of the students are depressed or apathetic, a lot with broken spirits; we all just try to survive one academic quarter to the next (the eternal goal: escape). It seems like the one thing we all have in common.

At RIT, there are enough professors who speak English so poorly that I feel like much of my tuition was being wasted (which it was). I have also had professors who are absolutely evil and resent the fact we are students whom THEY are supposed to teach. But – I have had a few great professors, too, and one (Giorusso who teaches Organizational Behavior) who really changed my life for the better. I hated the IT dept. professors and the Math/Science professors... they often were the ones who didn't speak English or were just grad students. The Business/Liberal Arts profs were a bit spacier, but more together upstairs and they spoke English. Some of my engineering teachers were brutal, but they did actually teach me stuff (except one AWFUL, nightmare prof who has retired and benefitted the entire Institution in doing so).

The admistration is vicious and takes advantage of students... most (if not all) of the time they are NOT there to help you, but to antagonize you. I cannot emphasize this enough – I believe this is a fundamental reason why the students have no school spirit: we feel like we have very little to be proud of in going to RIT. And the administration spends a lot of its time wondering why retention rates are so low. RIT rips its students off in many ways. If you are prepared to fight for your education, and deal with a lot of red tape, this school may be for you.

By the way, the campus is mostly male. This can be a pro or con depending on your perspective. The typical student is either a techy geek, or a photo/imaging type student (as far as I've personally stereotyped). I was a techy geek and a female, that was interesting fun :)

The only reason I stayed at RIT as long as I did (three years, and I'm finally transferring out and searching for a better road) was because of the special interest (dormitory) house, Computer Science House. Living there was truly life – changing, and I learned so much while being part of that community. I strongly suggest looking into student interest housing as a dormitory option. This helps you form a strong social network as well as keep guaranteed housing after your first year, which is a plus if you want to stay on – campus (if you can afford to waste your money like that).

My department was Electrical, Computer, and Telecommunications Engineering Technology. The programs in this department

are tough, and my advice to those who choose majors here is: Be 100% sure your passion is in that particular technical degree. The classes are tough (especially the circuitry courses) so don't expect you can get away with slacking off... especially on the quarter system. Leave that for the liberal arts classes. If you are self – motivated and are really into what you're studying, and can survive the atmosphere of the school, you'll be okay. Expect to go through a lot of co – ops (interships).

✺ *Other - Female*

Do not attend RIT unless you want to major in Engineering or Photography. Why? Because anywhere else would be better and cheaper for other majors. From everyone I've spoken with who has graduated – their careers hardly pay back what they spent at this school. No student speaks very positively of the school. The social life is zilch unless you join a fraternity or sorority, or find something elsewhere. Most of the staff are stuck up and very unhelpful.

☺ *Other - Male*

I'm an Imaging and Photographic Technology student. One of the things that sets RIT ahead of any other school in the world. The art schoo here is very strong, and is not shrinking. I have to respectfully disagree that RIT is losing its art department, instead new buildings are being planned and equipment is certainly not out of date.

The school is what you make of it, as is any. I will agree there is a certain MIT – ness about some of the Colleges within this university, but the whole place as a whole is different. While this is rated as one of the top schools in the country, complaining about it will not make it as such. Anyone considering RIT needs to realize that you come here to train in understanding, technical expertise, and understanding of your respective industry so that you can design and create, and in my area of studies, there is also quite

a bit of art involved.

Is it for everyone? No. Is it the worst school you could ever go to as the comments suggest? No. Most people who comment here will not be happy, whereas there are plenty of people that can give neutral or better comments.

It isn't perfect, but in a way, it's like how some people complain about the United States. We say we have the worst government, public policies and judicial system. But you're not going to find anything better on this planet. What do I say to that? Quit yer bitchin, swallow your pride and make it work. If it really isn't for you, then go elsewhere, say something constructive about how it doesn't work, and make peace with the world. Kinda idealistic I know.

• *Other - Male*

I tell everyone who asks me about my school that it is good academically and sucks socially. There are very few on campus events worth going to. The dry campus rule sucks. The frats r really bad. There is a lack of parties and Rochester as a city isn't anything to write home about. But there is some stuff to do, I have my own parties in my apartment, go to comedy clubs, bars, whatever.. The campus is ugly but i can deal with it. There aren't enough girls around, the ratio really sucks. . . overall i think the school is a good school, but not a good place to hang out...

• *Other - Female*

The university is good technologically, but almost too good. People here have no social skills because they are engrosed with technology and find it easier to use email rather than person to person contact. They waste endless money trying to make the campus more beautiful, however with harsh bricks and the architexture, there just no hope. The variety of people is amazing. Art to engineering, with few in the middle.

☹ *Other - Male*

My major is Information Technology at RIT. It is perhaps one of the best colleges in the US for the computer sciences. However, being a technical school, RIT so far has not taught how to create or innovate. So far all I have seen is them teaching us how to jump through hoops like throughout high school. In some departments, the faculty is great and can really help out with any questions you may have. Other times, the professor is just horrible and can't speak english well enough to teach or gives a ridiculous amount of busywork.

Social atmosphere is pretty bad. The campus is realitively closed off unless you have a car and even then, the city of Rochester and the surrounding areas of RIT don't provide much help. There are a couple of restaurants and some strip malls but that's about it. Parties happen every weekend and are generally open... but you really have to know the right people to know about them and the only thing to do at most RIT parties is binge drink. The rest of the time you'll see people just sitting in front of the computers or in their dorms because there is really nothing else to do. Many of the students are close – minded and more concerned about concentrating on their small areas of life than looking at the bigger picture. Being from NYC, I found myself much more in tune with the international students who were more open – minded to the world in general.

Most of the students are disheartened and the place really is a drain on your spirit. I found myself wanting to continue only to finish the class and go on break back home. If you live only for your work and want to major in one of the computing sciences, RIT is for you. Otherwise apply elsewhere or transfer as I plan on doing once I can find another college in the Northeast that has something similar to Information Technology.

☹ *Other - Male*

Unless you use massive amounts of drugs and alcohol, or love LAN parties, or are a flaming homosexual do not go to R.I.T. The work load is insane, there is no social life and if you go through one day with out running in to a homosexual you are luckier than most. If like me you are lucky enough to be placed in the NTID dorms with all the freaks you should either drop out or jump from a twelfth story window before you go insane. All hearing impaired individual are rude and have absolutely no manners and they are everywhere. If you read this and still choose to go to R.I.T., end yourself because this is the best advice you will ever get.

☹ *Other - Female*

Most students that attend RIT act as if they are just there to get a good degree and then leave. Not a lot of school spirit.

☺ *Other - Female*

Excellent 4 year Diagnostic Medical Sonographoy (Ultrasound) program

☺ *Other - Male*

RIT is not a bad school at all. The academics are challenging, and there is plenty of help everywhere on campus in order for you to succeed. Our College of Computing and Information Sciences is home to some of the best computer – related programs in the nation, and the art college is also regarded as one of the best in the country. I'm very satisfied with my decision to attend here, and I plan on staying until graduation, without a doubt.

And contrary to those who say the party scene is non – existant, although that is not what college is all about, there's definitely parties going on if you're about that and you want to. The problem with the people who can't find parties is that they aren't socializing with anyone because they have the preconceived idea that the school sucks.

If you know the right people, you'll be letting loose every weekend and having a good time. It is a dry campus, so drinking in the residence halls is VERY risky, but drinking in the on – campus apartments is allowed and the apartments are notorious for parties all the time and one riot we had in the past. Fraternities and sororities are also big on partying, both on and off campus.

So don't let the haters fool or discourage you; RIT is a very good school with challenging academics, great co – op programs, and excellent career – oriented education. The class size allows for a more intimate learning environment; the largest class I've had was only 60 kids, at most, and usually they're 20 – 30 kids per class. Also, there are plenty of women despite the 2:1 ratio of guys to girls which may sound discouraging. There are enough kids staying in their dorms all the time, except to go to class, to make the ratio seem much better than what it is statistically.

During the week it's all business, but once the weekend comes it's easy to find fun things to do. Whether it's staying in your room playing videogames or drinking until 5 a.m., the weekend has what you need to get away from the stress. As long as you don't mind a little cold weather and snow, RIT is a great choice for anyone looking for a tech school OR an art school; coming here for liberal arts is just weird unless you're looking to double major in a tech major and a liberal arts major.

☹ *Other - Female*
RIT has a lot of good things about it. It is very focused and very intensive. But the most important thing I have to say is, do NOT (and I repeat) DO NOT come to RIt if you are unsure of what you want to do. Just about the only people who are happy here are the ones who knew without a doubt what they wanted to do and didnt change majors. Furthurmore, make sure you have taken classes in whatever major you are go-

ing for. If you think you know what you want, but later change your major...thats when RIT becomes a really bad school for you. RIT is the worst college to "find yourself". The majors are so structured that if you are not sure what you want, you may have to spend an extra year or two to figure it out. If you come here "undeclared" then you will most likely spend an extra year here or at least an extra quarter or two. (and it's really expensive here). I thought I knew what I wanted, but after a year in the major I realized that I didnt like it and it wasnt for me. At that point, RIT became an academic nightmare. I wasn't sure what I wanted and you get no help whatsoever in finding out. (you can enroll in the explortary program, but I only found that out a year or so later). YOu have very little time to find out as well, because the more time you spend lookings, the more off track that puts you in just about every major. I'm really coasting along in RIT and I'm almost depressed about the major I am getting... (Interdiscplinary major...essentially I design my own major). I'm upset because, I want to do Art, (i figured it out a bit too late) and I can't even incorperate it into my major (thats the one subject that I can't include in the interdicplary major. All other subjects at RIT can be part of the interdiscplinary major. Mostly this is becaues the Art school is rather snotty and stuck up. YOu can't minor in art or art history if you are outside of the college of imaging arts and sciences. they are like a bubble. You can't even register for classes in the arts throught he normal means if your outside of the art school) I dont have the money to spend another few years here to do art. (I had way more money coming in than most...I didnt even need financial aid because I could pay all of it. RIT has been a total waste of my money)

Some people end up hating their major but going through with the degree anyway and that is quite common. Other people hate it

here because of the "if it doesnt kill you it makes you stronger" attitude. Focus on the killing you part and you got RIT. Another problem with RIT is the skimpy liberal arts program. There are about 4 liberal arts majors.

Of course, if you know what you want, (and it's a math or science, or even art) you know you wont change your mind (because you've already had LOTS and LOTS of exposure to it) and you like the crazy crazy, intensity of this school, than I'd say go for it. Of course, for those majors requiring co – ops, make sure you are prepared...getting a co – op can be difficult and you can't leave without a certain number (anywhere from 2 to 5 or 6). They dont give you much help at all, either, except on how to write a resume. Thats seriously about all the help you'll get with finding a co – op.

I really should have left after my first year, or at LEAsT after my second. I can kick myself for sticking with it this far. Again, the main problem is that it's too structured and there isn't much time for students to find themselves. Switching majors more than once is only possible if your last stop is the interdicplinary major (or you are willing to shell out the extra bucks.)

RIT also has a 40% drop out rate.

Think about thatNearly half the people here dont like it. (probably because they want to switch majors and realize that it's easier to transfer schools than to transfer majors. (they just recently created an ENTIRE position to deal with switching majors. That's how much crud you need to get through to do it....)

Even people who like their major somtimes dont like the attidude that RIT has towards students. Anyway, I really really really hate RIT... almost passionatly... I think it'd be cool to write slanderous articles in the paper about RIT, thats how much I hate it. I wish I had had some guidance and help finding (and getting into) the major I was interested in before it became too late. Academ-ically, I hate this school. Socially, I have a lot of friends here and if you look, there is a lot to do. But dont count on having the time to have much fun outside of the classroom, especially if your in a very intensvie major (unless your super good at it). Also, the campus is terribly ugly, except during the summer when the gardens bloom. (just dont look at the buildings and your eyes wont hurt) Only problem is, Winter is almost the whole school year. (very few classes are offered during the summer quarter) Also, Even for someone from CT, it gets COLD here. During Jan. it snows just about every other day.

More postivly, the faculty tend to be really nice people. (but it isn't uncommon for the art teachers to make students cry in class quite often. I lived with a bunch of art majors and I took a few classes when I was a Film major myself). Otherwise, the teachers, in my opinion, are often nice and helpful. They usually have good office hours as well. They dont know very much about other majors or other schools, though. The whole school is rather segregated by major and unless you join clubs and such, you might never know anyone except those people in your major.

- *Other - Male*
  I came in not knowing what I wanted to do. The "Career Exploration" program here is very helpful. I was looking forward to gettign away from home and going to a prestigous college, not realizing how much propaganda is spread by not only the university but also some of the students, when scoping out colleges. The first trimester or two I spent getting sucked into the negative aura from my peers. Then I realized the place wasn't so bad afterall and it was going to be what I made it, so I turned optimistic and looked at the positives rather than the negatives. One common complaint was the food on campus, but it really wasn't all that bad, and compared to most other

colleges we are doing very well in the food department. Sure there is an "abundance of weiner" but I knew that before coming here and I can learn to deal with it. There are other colleges nearby with more females, and there are quite a few girls on campus that wouldn't be all that bad. Another thing I leanred: unlike in high school, going to class is a must if you want to get good grades. You m ay be able to pull off low to mid Bs not going to class. . . depending on your professor...but going to class and getting As is a much better choice. We don't get as many days off as other schools, however we are on trimesters and learning more material, and faster, than our off – campus comrades giving us an edge once we leave the academic community and join the real (working) world. There are a lot of things that people try to twist to make RIT look bad but if you really look (and you don't even have to look ALL that hard) you can see that most of it is actually for the better. I highly recommend this University to anyone looking for a quality education, and not only in the tech fields. The Liberal Arts college here is very good (think about it, Liberal Arts are the core of all programs) and the Business college is also top – class.

★ *Other - Male*
On a bad note, RIT treats you like a number. There is never enough space and they spend your money on sidewalks, etc. instead of building more dorms (we're overcrowded as it is). Don't believe the lie that you are guaranteed a dorm. They will give you one..but it may a kitchen with 4 other people. . . I'm not kidding.
However, the quality of education is excellent though and you'll make a lot of friends here. You'll work your butt off but you'll come out a better person and student for coming here. I met most of my good friends here and got involved in some extracurriculars so I met many different kinds of people. I used to be an introvert but RIT has helped

me change that. I like it here. (I also escaped the horrors of dormland by transferring from community college...I would recommend that route).

☹ *Communications - Male*
The social life on the Campus of RIT is non – existant (and I'm greek). There is no school spirit at all (and I'm an athlete). We have the #2 division 3 ice hockey team in the country (that you can't make unless you are scouted) and students have no clue about it. Students there are very happy sitting in their rooms and playing on there computers all day every day.

☺ *Economics - Male*
Having been admitted to Harvard, Princeton, Wharton and Cambridge, i choose RIT. It has been a great experience for me. I meet many lifelong friends and got a great academic experience as well. It is a decision I would definitely make again. I know not everyone will get have the same experience in their four (in my case three) years but I personally got a lot out of the time here.

☺ *Art & Design Department - Male*
Like everyone has said, RIT has it's ups and downs. I am a film major and I have to say that the people I have met here are some of the most bright, interesting, intelligent, passionate people I've ever known. The teachers are generally knowledgable and try to help you out as much as they can. Nothing can be done about the weather. . . but when its sunny in Rochester (it does happen) it's really amazing. There's so much to do – the indie movie theater downtown, the Geva theater, the Rochester Philharmonic, SPOT coffee and Java's to hang out at...really cool restaurants and bars all around as well. Sure the dorms suck, but after your first year everything changes. Don't like the dry campus rule? Quit yer whining and get an apartment off campus where you can drink yourself into a stupor every damn night of the week. RIT has plenty of diversity, and

it's ridiculous that people are complaining about the number of homosexuals on campus. I have never had a problem with that; learn to live with other people and the way they are. Apart from all the campus stuff I think RIT can be a great education, but a lot of it depends on how much you are willing to put in yourself. Nobody is going to lead you by the hand here, but that better suits you for the real world.

☺ *Art & Design Department - Female*
RIT is an amazing school.My daughter goes there and loves it. It has a fabulous number of updated computers, and the campus is very wireless friendly. Professors are very accessible. The curriculum is very real world friendly. They really focus on current software and real world job skills.

Interestingly, although RIT does have grad programs, its main focus is undergraduate study. Lots of opportunities for undergraduates that aren't available in other schools to do top level work and participate in top level research.

The school also really listens to their students and parent suggestions, which is usually rare for schools. For example, in response to complaints about being too little to do, they built a whole new gym and work out/ running facility. They are also building a college town with stores and homes and other student friendly facilities on campus. They have a great coffee/pastry shop in the library (I almost felt that I was in Border's Books).

Although RIT is a technical school, it's art and design program is outstanding. My daughter loves the quality of instruction. She can't wait to participate in the internship programs, which is a great way to both learn real world job skills, learn more about her field of interest, and perhaps lead to some full time great job. Moreover, these are paid internships.

I will admit that as a parent, I wasn't happy about either the weather or the fact that

all architecture consists of homogeneous red brick. I guess they don't want stylish, differing buildings.

My daughter noted that there are about 2 guys for every girl,which is good. However, as she also noted," Although the odds are good, the goods are odd." Too many folks lack social skills.

RIt is also cheaper than their counter parts at Carnegie Melon, Syracus etc, and in my opinion, it is better too.

Bottom line: Good place to check out if you are interested in engineering, science or art/ design.

If they keep up the good work and grow financially, they could well equal or even exceed the reputations of schools like Carnegie Melon, Syracuse etc.

• *Art & Design Department - Female*
This school is a good school if you want to get a good job. If you're goal is to go to school, get a good education and come out with the chance to make money, then go here. However it's not a "normal" college. There are alot of video games here. We have alot of tournaments for gamers. The guy to girl ratio is very much lots of guys and no girls. It's easy to find a guy if you're a girl, but finding other girl friends is really hard. Exspecially if you are in a computer major. Most of my friends are guys, however when I am around my boyfriend they aren't so friendly. It's cold in the winter, but what else would you expect? its the northeast. The campus is kind of boring, and you walk the same path each day, but I don't find it that bad. One thing is that there isn't much to do on campus. If its a weekend day and you don't have much work to do, mostly you can hang out in the dorms with friends during the day. Most of the guys will be playing video games or watching football, and the girls will join in just so that we have SOMETHING to do. Comming here, definetly made me miss my friends who are girls at home. I'm in a ma-

jor where there are only two other girls in my graduating class. The education will be good once you leave here. I have definetly learned a ton since I came here. Also expect to be around computers ALOT. There everywhere. My homework seems more like fun rather than actual work. When I talk to friends from home who go to dumb classes like real English or something, I feel happy about the classes i'm going to. One other thing, the Liberal Arts department here is a joke. IF you are good at English at all, try to TEST OUT of writing and Lit. I learned how to make a passive sentance (actual example: the ball was thrown by the boy) active. Its a joke.

Get involved with stuff. IT gets lonley and boring here if you don't. There are parties if you want to party. If you don't, there really isn't much to do. The school i guess is getting better, and is bringing in more entertaiment for sat and friday nights, but its still boring.

☺ *Art & Design Department (Alumni) - Male*
Yes, it's cold, not many things to do, and food is "so – so." Academics were great. Training was great. Education was what you make of it. The education received for the price paid was great. This school is a deal for a private school, and has very good quality academics.

☺ *Art & Design Department - Female*
Everything that I would have said, has been said. The academics are great in your major. Liberal arts aren't that strong,but people don't come here for RIT's liberal arts. Art and Design department is very strong. In fact, it clearly rivals the top schools. Facilities are great. Dorms and food are good. RIT just needs something else. In a frigid envirnment like Rochester, you really need to have a "self contained" city. They need bowling allies, more movies, CDs for rent etc.

☺ *Art & Design Department - Male*
Very good, challenging design program. Co – op not really that good in design,which is why it wasn't required for graduation. RIT has only two problems for girls:
1.Cold weather: We girls get cold easier than the guys. I love the cold,but it was even too cold for me. People said that it gets frigid here,but I really didn't understand that till I got here. Brrrrr.
2. Lack of on campus appartments: There are only a few appartments "near" the academic buildings. For many other appartments, you need a bus to get to the academic buildings. You would think that with the 1300 or so acres owned by RIT they would build appartments within easy walking distance to classrooms,but sadly this isn't the case.
However, academics were very good especially in art and design. Also having almos two guys for each girl isn't bad if you are a girl. However, even with that, deign students don't generally meet a lot of folks from other majors due to our time commitments in design. There is a LOT of work in design. Unlike high school where you are given plenty of time to finish projects (mostly), here you work late finishing projects and get up early for class. Forget about the days of sleeping long hours except on weekends.

☹ *Engineering Department - Male*
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT BLOWS ESPECIALLY ROMANON.....KEEP AWAY or YOU'LL REGRET IT. RIT is a quick sand. once you sink in your GPA falls you can never tranfer out

• *School of Information - Male*
It really all depends on the department you are in. I am in the Information Technology Department, and the Professors are young and enthusiastic. I have friends in Engineering who do have nice professors, but constantly have to deal with miserable old PhD's that need to retire. Every professor

is brilliant in thier field but some need to realize that they are there for the students and not just a pay check.

- *School of Information - Male*
  I'm a transfer into the IT program as a second year student. If you're looking at this school, the IT department has hired some younger blood that know more about the current technology, but for me it hasn't been challenging yet because I've done web based programming and networking on my own. For those who have had no experience with computers, I've seen them struggle because the teachers want to move through the content quickly for the majority of students who know the basics about computers.

  Liberal arts course teachers aren't that great, but if you find a nice one then the course is easy, but otherwise it just sucks. I haven't had many of these but the teachers I've had in the math department are just bad teachers and whine about the stupidest things. I also know this school isn't that great for freshmen because the intro courses seem to have the most horrible teachers in the world, but by the time you get to the core cirriculum courses as a sophomore and up, the teachers get a whole lot better. So good for transfers, bad for freshmen.

  For social freaks, this definitely is not the place to be. For one thing, it gets cold here; another thing is that the ratio is still mostly guys and parties cost money to get into. I'd say from my perspective that the only tihng good was the internet (as other people have mentioned) but since the school was busted by the FBI it's really nothing that great other than for chatting which you can do with any school network. I would say the best place to find a party is just to go to Canada which is about 2 hours driving. The school is making an effort to add social stuff, but it won't work because it's the type of people this school attracts and that's the whole problem. I'd also say a car is very recommended since parking is free and that's

your only savior to get off campus. I'd also be wary of some of the students here because some are real freaks and have no touch with reality.

To sum it up, don't come here unless you've got a car and only want the education in one of the majors that are known (IT, CS , and engineering – it is a Tech school you know?) And you also don't mind the crazy weather of hot and bitter cold. I'm here for the education and to get out ASAP. Now you may be wondering where I transferred from? I transferred from Penn State University (Main Campus) because I was enrolled in the IST program which is similar to IT but with more liberal arts, and less hands on work. Well, the IST program just began a couple years ago (back in 1999) and the teachers were awful and the program was just a bunch of BS because they were good at selling it, but couldn't back any of it up. My next thing is probably go to University of Southern California for my graduate degree in IT because it's warm and that school actually have people closer to reality.

- *School of Information - Male*
  Good school in terms of academics but don't expect the typical college life with a lot of partying et al. youre going to be too busy doing homework and working on projects most of the time.

- *School of Information - Male*
  If you are looking for a party school, this is not it. But, you will come out of here with a respected degree from most majors. This is most true in the case of photography, computer and engineering degrees.

- *School of Information - Male*
  If you come to RIT, I hope you like red brick. _EVERY_ building on the RIT campus is built out of the same red brick. I'm a gay student who is "out of the closet" and RIT feels safe to me, both as a gay student and a student in general. Everyone's open – minded here – the school is strongly for gay

– partners – having – equal – rights. For the most part, the school is good. The dorms are small, but well – maintained and nothing looks old/dirty. The meal plans are a pain though – especially the freshman ones. RIT makes a big deal out of appartment – housing for upperclassman – this year, only about 1/2 the people that wanted appartments got them, FYI.

Overall, RIT is a good school, though rather expensive. Additionally, I question their policies and classes at times, but don't feel I'm worse off here than elsewhere.

One important note – RIT is the NTID – basically, that means that there's a lot of deaf students around. This isn't necessarily bad, but if you don't know ASL, at times you will feel left out watching 2 deaf people have a conversation

☹ *School of Information - Male*
All I can say that this univerisity is plan bored and makes me so depressed. Because I am so depressed, I didn't maintain my grades very well. When I first came, I did. The point here is that RIT social life makes is so plan bored. As a matter of fact, it degrading my socializing skills with other people.

I am getting tired of people gluing their butts on the computer 24/7 and have nothing else to do But I can't complain, it's their life.

The teacher at RIT doesn't necessarily values student's life. They just value all about themselves. They just invest their money on something that please themsleves. They just purchase a 60 million dollars worth of a artichiture statue of something. I am not quite sure what it is. But that I heard. It's so obvious that 60 million dollars is part of our college expenses. And They are cutting of programs, teachers, loans, and other source that helps students to become successful in college.

There is alot of list that goes on. And pretty most of the things are covered on what other undergraduated student posted on this forum.

☺ *School of Information - Male*
All together a great school for your academics and getting the job done at school. Not a place to come if you arent serious about what you want to do. Social aspect could recieve a makeover though.

☺ *School of Information - Male*
RIt has its problems – but once you get up there in the years its not so bad – it really took me 2 years to feel comfortable with the school – infact I would give a very bad hostile review if I were a sophomore or freshman.. RIT does have – severe – social problems, apalling aesthetics, a fairly disconnected administration, a lot of rich spoiled kids (1st, 2nd year students mostly), poor housing selection,and more homosexuals (particularly in the art fields) than I will admit to being comfortable with. These problems do fade out over the years...Its sort of a useful affect. ther acceptance rate is so high which allows for an influx of ignorant people as well as intellegent people. typically the rich spoiled kids get filtered out along the way as well as the unintelligent people. What is left is typically an intelligent core of hard working students. Basically RIT is a school that will let anyone in but only the worthy survive – the main reason for leaving is transferring due to grades, or flunking out – amazingly it is NOT the crummy atmosphere.

So if you are a sophomore or freshman RIT will seem like a bad school – I hated it myself – really really hated it, but now as I approach graduation is has become a very positive experience – sure it has its problems, but those problems fade as time goes on – think of them as test to see if you can survive.. if you look at a forth year perspecive you see the freshman class as a bunch of idiots – all the talent and intelligence is diluted.. Iit becomes more concentrated toward the top until you really

had a good group. All the dorks who think "thinkgeek" shirts are cool are gone (or grown up) the hair bleeching subsides, the counterstrike playing subsides. (by the way a truly apalling numebr of freshmen play counterstrike on campus MORE than the spend on classes and homework... no wonder the retention is so low).

In the end you can expect a good education.. And most likely a lesson in life. It gets better believe me.

☹ *School of Information - Male*
Ok let me tell you my story. I was very popular in high school and I always found it easy to make friends. When I first started coming here it was nice how all of us freshman would smile to each other or say 'hi' as we passed each other in the dorms. I made a few friends within the first couple of weeks – and then the winter came. First campus safety stopped letting us go to colony so we could only party on campus and then everyone in my dorm started to just stay inside and play on the computers. By the end of that year almost all of my friends had dropped out and since they were the only people I interacted with, I now I had like 0 friends. I tried to meet new people but it seemed like everyone I met would end up being a snob or a prick in some way. You can't even try to talk to the girls because they automatically assume you're trying to hit on them and why should they talk to you when there's 15 guys back at their dorm that they could already have. The frats are gay and they live in disgusting filthy beer – soaked houses. I pledged but I quit after we got yelled at for smoking weed, plus the girls they hung out with sucked and all they did was play beirut. So now that I am a 4th year student, how does the story end? Nothing has changed. 4 years have passed and I still only have a few acquaintances. I sit in my room on Friday and Saturday night and drink by myself and learn things on my computer like programming and stuff.

My spirit is broken, my social skills have degraded severely, I now have a very bad temper and I am always angry at everything. My friends from home won't even come up to visit because it is 'too boring' here. This is what happens when you come to RIT. Your only chance is to be lucky enough to end up on a cool co – ed floor where you can forge some relationships that will hopefully endure. Like I said, I now only have a few acquaintances and I just saw one of my 'friends' on campus the other day and we just said 'hi' and walked right by each other. If you can get into another school with the same program, you really should go there. There is more to life then just making money and getting a degree. Going 4 years with very little fun will kill your spirit.

☺ *School of Information - Male*
Reviews here should be taken with a grain of salt. They are just like online car reviews, you will only see the lemons, far fewer come online and triumph great experiences.

✷ *Public Policy - Female*
If you're a chick – don't come here unless you'll feel comfortable taking classes that have 33 guys, and 2 girls. Man – haters and those fearful of living in a dorm with 3:1 guy:girl ratio need not apply. On the other hand, these poor boys could use some more good women. If you have some sort of need to be in the company of other estrogen produces, there are sororities and a cheerleading squad in desperate need of fresh blood. Personally I love it here. I'm in the new honors program, which will hopefully someday be worth all the trouble it's putting us freshmen through. I found friends (and a good man) in the fraternity scene, though I'm not a big partier myself. I wouldn't be caught dead joining a sorority – one of the reasons I came here was because I don't want to have to be around chicks all the time. The key to success is that you have to be extremely

devoted to your major and future career to make it through the system. Otherwise all the annoyances will send you packing within a quarter or two. Just focus on how much money you'll be making when you graduate, and you can usual forgive the dreary atmosphere.

☹ *Industrial Design - Male*
Everything I wanted to say about RIT has been said already. The comments on the social life, the broken spitits of the students, the terrible weather, etc etc. There are some great points to this school as well, depending on your major, the academics can be competitive with Ivy league schools, and you will be in demand when you graduate.
But, looking back at my four years here at RIT, I cant help but think about the "what ifs". What if I did decide to go through with transfering out my sophomore year with the other half of my friends? What if I had not joined a fraternity here? Upon reflection, I think I should have transferred out back in 2002. The years between freshman year and graduation are precious and irreplacable, dont waste them being unhappy in a school you dont like, whatever the reason. You're paying too much money to be unhappy.

☹ *Industrial Design (Alumni) - Male*
The faculty in my department did try very hard. Unfortunately, it was too little, too late. Seriously, if you want to learn about tecniques, and creative ways to cram, then by all means, come to RIT. But if youre serious about ID, you want to be competitive and learn about the latest trends in the market today. . . look elsewhere. Its almost been a full year, and most of my class is still unemployed. A few have gone on to grad school, and I can verify that 4 found employment. Beyond that, we're drifting. Check out Cincinatti instead; they have a REAL internship/co – op program.

☹ *Interior Design - Female*
I came to RIT hoping to get the education that I paid for, but that didn't happen. The professors in the Interior Design program only care about their paychecks and not their students. Majority of the majors at RIT require you to participate in an internship, except the Interior Design Program. The teachers don't have the time to help out, is what they say. The Interior Design teachers have favorites and if you don't brown noise then you are not one of their favorites. If you like to speak your mind and let people know in critique how to improve their work, you are looked down upon. One teacher said one day to us "I have a new philosophy this year." The class replied with, "What is that? " He said "I don't care." He said he was planning on retiring that year and just didn't care about teaching us anymore. Now would that motivate you as a student? I am eager to learn, which is why I am paying the amount of money that I pay therefore I expect my teachers to be motivating in teaching me. At RIT you will not find motivating teachers in the Interior Design Program. Most teachers at RIT are proud of their work that have done and usually show the students. I have yet to see any of my teachers work that they have done in their career and this is my fourth year at RIT. My advice for every senior coming out of high school would be to not just go to the school to visit and for the orientation. I would request to talk to graduating students to get their opinion about their education and if it was worth it. I have gone to community colleges and have learned more then I have learned at RIT. With the amount of money that I am paying as a student I demand excellence and you will not get that at RIT in the Interior Design Program.

☹ *Interior Design - Female*
I am a transfer student from Pratt and have been going to this school for three years.RIT is the absolute worst school I have ever expe-

rienced. The Professors are rude and don't give a damn about their students. If any student has a problem, you cannot vocalize it or they will give you undeserving bad grades. There has never been an attempt to solve the problems, they just brush them under the table.Since I have had the opportunity to experience another top rated school, I know how college is supposed to be and RIT IS NOT IT.To anyone interested in comming here, don't, turn your car arround NOW and go anywhere that has a good football team. At least you have some eye candy instead of seeing Dilbert in all of your classes.

How to *'get in'*

- *Other*
  Super Brilliant - Male (ACT: 30 SAT: 1470)
  do fairly well in school. upper 1200's in SAT should be a guarantee admit. i dont think the school really gives a damn about english.

- *Aerospace Engineering*
  - Male
  Be active with extracurriculars. Sat's don't seem to be hevily weighed besides scholarships.

- *Biology*
  Average - Female (SAT: 1210)
  I had a 3.864 and graduated 16th in my class of 117. I didn't apply until after I graduated high school. There were quick about admitting me during the summer. I attend the following fall. I had talked to a counselor in the admissions office that was very friendly. I got the impression that grades and sat scores were all that mattered.

- *Business - Management and Administration*
  Super Brilliant - Male (ACT: 34 SAT: 1550)
  I had a 3.78 unweighted gpa and a 1550 SAT score. I was rejected from Harvard, Yale, Princeton, and weightlisted at Stanford. RIT was my only safety, so I had to go there.

- *Business - Management and Administration*
  Bright - Male (SAT: 1230)
  this was the only school i applied to, i took some SATs, wrote an essay, got some HS teacher recommendations, and that was it.

- *Computer Engineering*
  Super Brilliant - Male (SAT: 1440)
  This was my safety school. I started high school with seinoritis and it impacted on my grade heavily. So I really can't give advice on this.

- *Computer Engineering*
  Bright - Male (SAT: 1330)
  RIT is a great school with a fairly loose acceptance policy. I will say though – its easy to get in, but its hard to stay in if you aren't committed to doing work. If you're a slacker, you'll either leave because "the social life isn't for you" or you'll just plain fail out.

- *Computer Engineering*
  Quite Bright - Male (SAT: 1440)
  High test scores and good grades helped, but I also wrote several essays and had great recommendations.
  Work experience and being on a school robotics team helped quite a deal. Got into the Honors program and recieved a $32,000 Presidential scholarship.

- *Computer Science*
  Quite Bright - Female (SAT: 1100)
  Good grades, good SAT scores, applicable classes related to their major from high school.

- *Computer Science*
  Quite Bright - Male (SAT: 1250)
  Most people get in – be a girl or foreign and you're guarenteed – much lower expectations for you – 75% male campus.

- *Computer Science*
  Super Brilliant - Male (ACT: 17 SAT: 1320)
  RIT is a great college to go to, but only if you WANT to work. I am in the IT Major btw. This college is about learning. Everything about it is related to that, at least in my major. Work is hard, but VERY worthwhile. I keep very busy, I have a job as a Computer Lab assistant (for the IT department), and I love it This college is just a great place, professors are some of the nicest, and most understanding people I have ever met. I have only come across ONE professor I didnt like (Sonstein, he is lazy to the extreme)The only bad thing is the social life. I am not into partying though because I am usually studying, but there is stuff to do. There are two pool halls, one with an arcade and lots of other stuff like that. If you are into drinking the only place for that is in Colony Manor, even though technically

it is a dry campus. If you are unsure about joining the IT program, it comes down to two questions. Do you ENJOY to do work in this field, and are you willing to work your but off. If yes, come to RIT.

- *Computer Science*
Quite Bright - Male
Only stipulation for acceptance: $$$
I was able to pay the bill only through federal loans, no financial aid is or was (or will ever be) available to me.

- *Computer Science*
Quite Bright - Male (SAT: 1410)
I had a 1410 on my SATs. I don't know my gpa, class rank – all those other numbers. I never did, I was never competative for the numbers. If you want to get into Honors housing, bother with the paper work. If you get accepted to a special interest housing as an off floor member, don't bother. If you're worried about being accepted, set up an interview.

- *Computer Science*
Bright - Male (SAT: 1140)
Make sure you get good recommendations.
Write a nice essay and for god's sake, have all your relatives, friends, teachers and so on to proofread it so it'd be flawless.
Go to the closest town meeting for RIT admissions.
Write nice letters (regarding your admissions) for the admissiong officers and follow up by mail or phone.
DO YOUR HOMEWORK, there's no better way to show your interest than making smart questions based on non trivial information about RIT.

- *Computer Science*
Super Brilliant - Male (SAT: 1510)
Despite the talk RIT gives about being so elite, it's really not, unless you're trying to get into a selective major such as film.

- *Electrical Engineering*
Quite Bright - Male (SAT: 1240)

The keys, in my opinion are medium – high SAT, high GPA, and great reccomendation letters.

- *Electrical Engineering*
Super Brilliant - Male (SAT: 1270)
What did I need? A pulse, basically. Many of the students here could be replaced by stones, or bricks hanging from the ceiling. I wonder how stupid one has to be to get rejected from this hell hole.

- *Electrical Engineering*
Quite Bright - Male (SAT: 1240)
Have plenty of extracurricular activities, and get good recommendation letters. Show an interest in the school by visiting and writing about it in your essay, and with decent grades you should be in.

- *Electrical Engineering*
Quite Bright - Male (SAT: 1390)
I don't really know what I did specifically to get in. Just do pretty well in high school and you should be fine.

- *Electrical Engineering*
Quite Bright - Female (ACT: 28 SAT: 1300)
Graduate high school. They'll accept anybody with decent enough math and science grades.

- *Fine Arts -*
Painting/Sculpture/Photography/etc
Quite Bright - Female (ACT: 27)
for photograpy – easier than i expected. this is not a portfolio school. be prepared to start from square one in your classes – really basic at the beginning, but an awesome program. i highly recommend this school if you're interested in photography.

- *Math*
Quite Bright - Male (ACT: 29 SAT: 1290)
Just apply, easy to get into comapred to the calider of school it is.

- *Mechanical Engineering*
Bright - Male (SAT: 1300)
I was a shoe – in for this place, as I got my

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AA with honors, and a 1300 on my SAT. But I was really lacking on extra – cirricular activies. I have heard several times that the admissions folks like seeing independent projects. If you're applying to engineering, try to include something you built, desinged, or whatever in your application. If you and your buddies built a skate ramp, include it in your application and explain how you made it (if you didn't just slap it together of course). If you like working on cars, talk about some of the things you did. Then try to tie it all into engineering and how this is what you want to do in life.

- *Physics*
  Bright - Male (SAT: 1250)
  RIT isn't impossible to get into by any means, they accept i think around 70% of the applicants though i know at least three people who got turned down, so you can be a total dumb ass. I just filled out the stuff they required and sent it in. Not much of a hassle.

- *PreMed and Medical*
  Quite Bright - Female (SAT: 1280)
  i had a kick ass interview, and great highschool grades, well it didn't hurt i took two years of random college classes before i graduated HS

- *Psychology*
  Quite Bright - Female (ACT: 28 SAT: 1350)
  Very high acceptance rate. Just write a strong essay if everything else is low.

- *Music Education*
  Quite Bright - Male (SAT: 1250)
  When I attended RIT did not have a very high acceptance standard. RIT will weed you out after the first two years if you don't have the drive to get through. You need more drive than brains to get a degree from this institution.

- *Undecided*
  - Male
  I got in on early admissions. (i.e. I could

prove I could pay for it, so they let me in) If you want to get in, simply wave money in front of them, and tell them you hate your life, and wish to see how it could possibly get worse.

- *Other*
  Bright - Male (SAT: 1190)
  decent GPA, i had a 3.4, decent SAT/ACT score. . . i had an 1190 on my SATs ... don't have to be a genius, but can't be an idiot... I recommend everyone take AP credits, they r awesome once u get to school, RIT accepted 2 tests of mine, i got a 3 on both.

- *Other*
  Quite Bright - Female (SAT: 1210)
  I had to fill out the normal application (including general information along with an essay) plus an interview (which included another essay topic). This is specifially for Physician Assistant majors. My reccomendations include awareness of the PA profession and preperation for interview questions (such as who is your hero, why do you want to be a phycisians assistant, what will you bring to our program)

- *Other*
  - Male
  I got into the toughest major at RIT: the Film and Animation Major. It's really obvious why it's the toughest major to get into. It's probably the most stressful major at RIT and possibly even the most time consuming. I would say that, I got in because of my top notch high school (RIT knew of my high school, which is a CT high school). I think that one of the major reasons I got into this program was because of my life experiences. I overcame a lot of adversity and I think that looked good because of the very stressful nature of the major. I would not suggest this major to anyone who is unconfidant or emotionally/psychologically unstable. (one guy my freshman year flipped under the stress and. . . well, needless to say, got so angry about his film not showing up

on time that he essentially got himself expelled from RIT).

- **Other**
Quite Bright - Male (SAT: 1230)
When I applied, I forgot to even send in my essay. Basically, just be honest on your application and make sure you have good recommendations. It isn't as competitive or tough as I thought it would be, but that doesn't mean not to try hard. And Financial Aid is very good here, or so I think. I was given nearly half of my Tuition/Room/Board solely from need – based Financial Aid. If I had tried harder in high school I could have actually gotten some scholarships based on my academics too. Maybe next year I will work on that one, but you should work on it now.

- **Art & Design Department**
Quite Bright - Female (SAT: 1280)
My daughter participated in a humanities program in her high school. Thus, she took a lot of honors and AP courses especially in the humanities area. Essentially, her program emulated that of an IB program. She also took two years of pre – college art program with various schools in order to develop a good portfolio and improve her drawing skills.
Just for the record, she had:
4 years of math
4 years of English (all honors or AP)
4 years of Spanish (all honors or AP)
3 years of schience (all honors)
4 years of social studies/economics (all honors or AP)
Plus courses in theater, drawing, studio art, AP studio art and commercial art.

- **Art & Design Department**
Bright - Female (SAT: 1190)
I was a girl. I tried to get into IT, got in, then switched to IT New Media. There are no girls in that program at all. I had decent grades and SAT's. It helps.

- **Art & Design Department**
Quite Bright - Female (SAT: 1215)
If you are into art and design, you must have a strong portfilio. I can't emphasize this enough. I worked with an outside art teacher for several years building up my portfolio. Not only was my portfolio quite strong, if I may brag a bit, but my drawing skills became well – honed with the art teacher. I really recommend this approach. I also attended a portfolio day before applying here. I got some good feedback on what I needed to do to strengthen my portfilio.

- **Art & Design Department**
Quite Bright - Female (ACT: 26 SAT: 1220)
I had decent SATs but had a very strong portfolio. I took classes with a terrific art teacher who helped me develop my skills. She used to evaluate portfolios for other colleges. I really developed a strong portfolio. If you have the money, this is a great technique for any prospective student. In addition, you will develop terrific foundation skills.

- **School of Information**
Quite Bright - Male (SAT: 1330)
I got into RIT simply by applying & filling out the necessary paperwork. Nothing special

- **School of Information**
Average - Male
No, Just stay away from RIT. It was a blast from 1999 – 2001, but after that it's dead.

- **School of Information**
Quite Bright - Male (SAT: 1150)
getting in is easy – real easy – staying is the hard part. If you can stay you were emant for the school If you cant – then go to your public university

- **School of Information**
Bright - Male (SAT: 1140)
Get over 1100 on SAT's and a B average. Apply for the major you want and an easy

one as your secondary choice, so you can
atleast get in.

- *Interior Design*
  - Male
  I had to summit a portfolio with all the work
  i have done in my past.

Sports

Baseball	NCAA Division III – Eastern College Athletic Conference
Men's Basketball	NCAA Division III – Empire 8
Men's Ice Hockey	NCAA Division III – Independent
Men's Lacrosse	NCAA Division III – Eastern College Athletic Conference
Men's Soccer	NCAA Division III – Eastern College Athletic Conference
Men's Swimming	NCAA Division III – Eastern College Athletic Conference
Men's Tennis	NCAA Division III – Eastern College Athletic Conference
Men's Track, Indoor	NCAA Division III – Eastern College Athletic Conference
Men's Track, Outdoor	NCAA Division III – Eastern College Athletic Conference
Men's Wrestling	NCAA Division III – Eastern College Athletic Conference
Women's Basketball	NCAA Division III – Empire 8
Women's Cross Country	NCAA Division III – Empire 8
Women's Ice Hockey	NCAA Division III – ECAC Division III East Women's Hockey League
Women's Lacrosse	NCAA Division III – Empire 8
Women's Rowing	NCAA Division III – Upstate Collegiate Athletic Association
Women's Soccer	NCAA Division III – New York State Women's Collegiate Athletic Assoc.
Women's Softball	NCAA Division III – New York State Women's Collegiate Athletic Assoc.
Women's Swimming	NCAA Division III – New York State Women's Collegiate Athletic Assoc.
Women's Tennis	NCAA Division III – New York State Women's Collegiate Athletic Assoc.
Women's Track, Indoor	NCAA Division III – New York State Women's Collegiate Athletic Assoc.

Student Groups

- *Alpha Phi Alpha – /Rochester, – Mu Sigma* - Rochester New York For the Rochester Institute for Technology and the University of Rochester

- *Computer Science House* - Computer Science House is a special interest (dormitory) house at the Rochester Institute of Technology.

- *Equestrian Team* - Offering a variety of equestrian competition to students History of team upcoming shows results and photos Based at Paterson Stables in Penfield NY

- *Gamma Epsilon Tau – Zeta* - Co ed printing fraternity at the Rochester Institute of Technology with national ambition Features organization details events and membership list

- *Gracie's Dinnertime Theatre* - A magazine of satire, literature, poetry and art.

- *ITS News* - Rochester Institute's of Technology division newsletter

- *IVCF* - Large group meetings Bible study prayer training outreach

- *Listing student Groups* - a listing of some of the student groups at the University of Rochester.

- *New York Theta* - Chartered on April 25 1992 Rochester Institute Technology

- *Outing Club* - RIT outdoors club. The club takes major trips to the adirondack mountians or other places about three times per quarter which include rock climbing, white water rafting, backpacking, canoeing or spelunking.

- *Phi Delta Theta – New York Eta* - Brothers page announcements rush history

- *Phi Iota Alpha – Pi* - Installed April 1996 at RIT in Rochester New York

- *Reporter Magazine* - Student newspaper

- *RIT Tree Jumping Club* - The tree jumping club trains and participates in the sport of tree jumping and tree climbing. Thee jumping is racing trough a course of trees by jumping from tree to tree.

- *RIT Varsity Sports* - homepage for the RIT varsity sports teams

- *Sigma Alpha Mu – Delta Omega* - Located in Rochester New York

- *Sigma Sigma Sigma – Epsilon Psi* - Information and photo gallery for the Sigma Sigma Sigma chapter at the Rochester Institute of Technology

- *Tau Kappa Epsilon* -

- *Team Vertigo* - Club Vertigo is a student – run club at RIT (Rochester Institute of Technology) The club was formed by Adam Clear and Mark Teseny with the intention of fostering an environment of learning and enjoyment of anything and everything automotive

- *Triangle Fraternity* - Founded February 4 1967 in Rochester New York

- *True Gentlemans Club* - We are a social group at RIT and a Greek interest group.

- *Zeta Tau Alpha – Iota Psi* - The 213th chapter of ZTA s site features family lines a rush schedule and chapter events