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Under the direction of Frank Cost, associate dean of the College of Imaging Arts and Sciences, and Patricia Sorce, professor of marketing at RIT's College of Business, the new center will create a forum for printing companies and associations nationwide and help build the partnerships needed to sustain growth and profitability in a rapidly changing market. The Sloan Printing Industry Center researchers will use the M-1000 web press donated by Xerox Corp. and RIT's Applied Computing Laboratory to test and evaluate new technologies from industry and university settings.

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Work is underway to create the Heidelberg Web Press Laboratory on the RIT campus. "This facility will incorporate state-of-the-art web press technology within RIT's world-renowned graphic arts program to create the best possible environment for advanced research and training," says Wolfgang Pfeiffermaier, member of the Heidelberg Management Board and president of Heidelberg Digital. The Sunday 2000 at RIT will replace an M-1000 web press donated by Heidelberg predecessor: Harris Graphics. In 1986. The new web press, valued at between $7 million and $10 million, will join a long list of advanced Heidelberg technology in use at RIT. In addition to educational opportunities for students and for the industry, RIT conducts extensive applied research on campus for web offset printers and suppliers.

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Prior to being named director, Tenet served as deputy director. He also has served on the White House National Security Council and the Senate Intelligence Committee staff.

Tenet, a native of New York City, is a graduate of Georgetown University’s School of Foreign Service and the School of International Affairs at Columbia University.

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Last year, RIT ranked at the top of an annual exit survey of recent EMBA graduates. That poll, conducted by AACSB—an international organization that accredits business schools—and the Executive MBA Council, found that RIT’s programoutperformed those offered by other top business schools. In judging overall performance, 92 percent of RIT’s EMBA graduates rated the program as excellent. That compares to an average of 71 percent of students from all 38 schools participating in the survey.

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The University Magazine.
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Understandably, he was a bit apprehensive about announcing his new career plans to his parents. But his father "was actually relieved." John Bielenberg, taught as the theater department at SUNY Binghamton, and was active in regional theater.

"He knew I'd be happier if I was using more of the visual/creative side of myself." Bielenberg says.

After graduation, Bielenberg entered a summer program in film at New York University, and thought about staying on in the Big Apple. "But my brother lives in Philadelphia, and winter was coming," he headed for the Bay Area and applied for jobs at major movie animation/visual effects production companies.

Lack of experience proved a handicap. "It's the Catch-22," he says. "You can't get a job if you don't have experience, and you can't get experience if you aren't working in the industry."

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Krummhoefener, a technical director and character artist for Monsters, Inc., echoes those comments. “The challenge always is to do more and more and more,” he says. Shrek, the story of an ogre who falls in love, was four years in the making – an accomplishment achieved by only three other animated features. Both were nominated for Oscars in the Animated Feature Film category. Monsters, Inc. also received nominations for best musical score, best song and sound editing. Shrek received a nod for best adapted screenplay.

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Bielenberg became effects supervisor for the groundbreaking animated feature Antz, overseeing the animation team responsible for creating the extensive water simulation and other effects. Even before Antz was completed, he began working on Shrek.

“Shrek was one of the most difficult segments was the 'transformation' scene with its swirling, sparkling, cloud. Magic, it seems, is very tricky,” Bielenberg says. “It took a whole year to develop Fiona (the female lead),” Bielenberg says. “Such carefully coiled characters needed equally rich settings. Shrek takes audiences into 36 enchanted locations, including a muddy swamp, a deteriorating castle, a medieval village, and a forest. The sets required rendering 1,250 props and 1 billion leaves.

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“I guess I always had an appreciation for animation,” says Mike Krummhoefener. But engineering seemed like a solid career choice. “And when I started college, I knew from computer animation! It’s come so far in 10 years.”

His degree in manufacturing engineering technology took him to a good job at Bausch & Lomb. “I was blown away,” he says. “I wanted to know more about the companies making that kind of movie, what technology was being used – and what it would take to get into the action.

“In 1993, the technology was really expensive,” he recalls. “I actually ended up selling everything I owned, moving back home, taking out loans so I could buy the computer and software I needed. I quit my job so I could learn about this.”

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For Toy Story 2 came Monsters, Inc., for which Krummhoefener served as a technical director and character artist, which means he helped sculpt and model the film’s characters and form their quirky, humorous personalities. Seeing kids and adults react to the stories – makes the job intensely satisfying.

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The Office.

Aris Economopoulos ‘94, vice president at RIT’s Hospitality Alumni Society in January. The resident manager of the New York Marriott Marquis was at the hotel’s regional corporate office in Midtown Manhattan when the attacks arrived. He said security preparations for the Millennium celebration two years earlier helped in the crisis.

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Sept. 11

Remembering an unforgettable day

Aris Economopoulos '94 planned to sleep in on Sept. 11. His work day as a photographer for the Newark, N.J. Star-Ledger was scheduled to start at 3 p.m.

Terrorist attacks on the United States changed that. A phone call from the paper got him up, dressed and on a bus headed from his home in Jersey City, N.J., to lower Manhattan shortly after the second plane hit the World Trade Center. The 1994 photojournalism grad was on the scene before the first tower collapsed, and came close to death when the second tower fell down just yards from where he was shooting.

"I heard a metallic groan- ing sound," Economopoulos recalls. "I looked up and I saw this entire building that was teetering while pieces of it started falling towards me. I turned and ran the fastest I have ever run in my life."

For a thick cloud of toxic dust had begun to take a toll on his eyes. A policeman persuaded Economopoulos to stop at a first aid center, and he was sent by ambulance to the emergency room at St. Francis Hospital in Jersey City. His right eye was severely injured, the cornea of his left eye was damaged, and shards of glass were imbedded in his eyelids - injuries that kept him from working for several weeks after Sept. 11. Still, he knows he was lucky. Upon checking in with the Star-Ledger, he learned that his colleagues thought he was under the rubble of the north tower.

"The next day a taxi took me to the doctor to get my eyes checked," he says. "The driver mentioned the cars that were left in the ferry parking lot. He was wondering if the drivers would ever be back. That's when it finally hit me what had happened on Sept. 11."

Aris Economopoulos is just one of the RIT alumni who were personally and profoundly impacted by Sept. 11.

A national community awoke to the initial stage. Mr. Rosenzweig, director of Sun Microsystems Laboratories Boston Center for Networking in Burlington, Mass., led an advanced development group focusing on new network protocols and services. Previously, he led the firm's Networking Group. Before joining Sun Microsystems, he was director of software for Xyplex.

He was instrumental in helping RIT develop a research relationship with Sun. He served on the Computer Science/Software Engineering Advisory Board and the President's Roundtable. In 1999, he was recognized with a Distinguished Alumni Award.

A native of Long Island, Mr. Rosenzweig, 47, leaves his wife, Lauren, and two sons, Jeremy, 13, and Max, 5.

The Philip M. Rosenzweig Memorial Fund has been established by computer science faculty members Margaret and Ken Reek '78, Margaret Meng Reek '77, interim chair of the department of computer science, a classmate of Mr. Rosenzweig.

The fund will assist student research assistants. "These students benefit from hands-on industry experience. Something Phil truly believed in," notes Margaret Reek.

Contributions to the memorial fund can be sent to B. Thomas Golliho College of Computing and Information Sciences, 20 Lounsbury Memorial Drive, Rochester, N.Y. 14621-1.

Alumna dies in second crash

Deborah L. Medwig, computer infor- mation systems '78, was a passenger on United Airlines Flight 175, the sec- ond hijacked plane to strike the World Trade Center Sept. 11. Medwig was traveling from Boston to Los Angeles. She was 45.

Ms. Medwig was director of business operations at NIAR, a national ballooning organization headquartered in Marlborough, Mass., largest investor-owned electric and gas utili- ty. She and her husband, Michael Tavolarella, and their 10-year-old daughter, Cassandra, lived in Denham, Mass.

Her husband also was traveling to Los Angeles on Sept. 11, but following family custom, he took a different flight.

"She always said that if anything ever happened to her, she wanted to make sure there was someone around to take care of Cassandra," her mother said.
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**Lines of defense**

RIT is positioning itself to become one of the few places in the United States that educates and trains crime specialists in the techniques and management of information security. This emerging field encompasses computer crime (crimes that target information on computers); computer-related crimes (crimes committed as incidental to, or to keep records of, such activities); and cyber crime (in which combinations of computers are used with other devices such as cell phones to execute a crime).

Sam McQuade, assistant professor of criminal justice, joined RIT in fall 2001 to help establish a university-wide center for information security, the Center for Security Technology Research and Education. "This is a great opportunity for the College of Liberal Arts to work with and support other colleges because information security is multidisciplinary in nature: no one can lay claim to everything that needs to be taught," says McQuade, former study director for the Committee on Law and Justice of the National Research Council of the National Academies of Sciences, and for the National Academies of Engineering, and for the National Academies of Medicine.

"Information technology has galvanized a new era of coordinated crime-fighting in the criminal justice system, yet it is an oxymoron to talk about information security in an age when cyber crime is so prevalent," says McQuade. "The recognition that cyber crime is a real threat is driving the creation of new initiatives and needed expertise." McQuade explains.

**Remote sensing provides tools for improved security, defense**

Remote-sensing technology — a long-time research specialty at RIT — has a multitude of applications for national security. Under the terms of a $2.4 million grant from the U.S. Office of Naval Research, imaging scientists at RIT’s Laboratory for Advanced Spectral Sensing (LASS) in the Chester F. Carlson Center for Imaging Science are devising methods for processing and analyzing data captured in wavelengths invisible to the human eye. The technology will help the Navy with tasks such as detecting submerged mines and other potential dangers, identifying suitable locations for landing troops and locating military targets.

The scientists are working with data collected by satellite imaging and through-the-wall radar surveillance in databases of real and synthetic data. This year, their work includes sensors that can sense whether a tank is full of oil or fuel consumption and other variables and transmit the information via satellite to a central base. The system can work on single units or fleets of vehicles.

**SPRING 2002**

**RIT aids combat troops, homeland security**

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The center is working with the U.S. Office of Naval Research (ONR) on technology to ensure that equipment — ground, sea and air — is ready and reliable at all times. "The key," explains Nasr, is "asset health management" — a process that involves continuous monitoring of systems to iron out of failures to better define the expected life cycle of components and to develop cost-effective recycling for worn components.

Working on military hummers and light armored vehicles in the NCR3 work bays, researchers are developing software and new devices that can track temperature, noise, vibration, contaminants in oil, fuel consumption and other variables and transmit the information to a central base. The system can work on single units or fleets of vehicles.

"There’s so much you can do with this technology," says Nasr. Besides monitoring the condition of vehicles, such systems could collect critical strategic information. For instance, details of an unexpected attack on a vehicle could automatically be relayed to headquarters. These systems also could collect and send data from unmanned observation stations along borders or other key areas. Patrol vehicles — land or air — or Guard ships could monitor information about the surroundings, allowing a central station to “see” and respond to situations immediately — without the necessity of personnel returning to base or calling in a report.

With funding from the federal budget, NCR3 is establishing a new initiative called the Center for Systems Monitoring and Readiness. The focus will be on methods of prolonging the life of military equipment in use now and on designing future equipment so it can be more easily upgraded.

NCR3 has been working with the Navy for four years to integrate remanufacturing strategies in the design and maintenance of defense systems. The 2001-02 appropriations bill included $3 million to continue that effort. Sen. Charles Schumer and Congresswoman Louise Slaughter were instrumental in obtaining this funding. To date, RIT has received $11 million in federal support for this research.
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“You have a lot of raw data produced by these sensors that can overwhelm both human interpreters and conventional computational tools,” says principal investigator John Schott. “The RIT project is focused on developing techniques to merge physical models with advanced computational algorithms. This should allow us to see more and do it more efficiently so that analysis of the images can be done largely if not entirely, by computers.”

Raghuveer Rao

A high-resolution X-ray image sharpened using technology developed at RIT.

Raghuveer Rao developed a “true 3D” X-ray image using newly developed technology.

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Surveillance technologies are also critical in these employment sectors. Rao explains. In addition to developing academic programs in information security, the Center for Security Technology Research and Education will partner with industry and government agencies to conduct research on using imaging and tracking for homeland security.

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Reunion class gift program off to a great start

Members of the Reunion 2001 classes responded generously to RIT’s first-ever Class Reunion Giving program. Part of the overall RIT Reunion 2001 effort, this new program was coordinated by Carol George, director of RIT reunion giving, who secured alumni volunteers and worked closely with the reunion giving committees. A total of 150 committee members and leadership volunteers attended meetings, wrote letters and placed personal phone calls to former classmates. “They were enthusiastic about this first RIT reunion and about helping to build a reunion class gift. They did an outstanding job,” said George.

The final tally for this first Reunion Giving program for all nine years was an impressive $483,256. Participation also increased, with contributions coming from 17 percent of the alumni in the nine classes—many of whom had never before made a gift.

“RIT is sincerely grateful to all the alumni who made this first-time effort a success,” said President Simone. “They surely set the mark for future reunion class giving here at RIT.”

Eight alumni honored for lifetime achievements at Reunion 2001 banquet

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First-year engineering student Andrew Ziolo, left, relaxes with his parents, Mary Ann and Randy Ziolo of Lexington, Mass. Among the honorees were, from left, David Binning '81, Lou Anastos '89, Donald Boyce '67, Joseph Lobazzo '95 and John Henion '62. "Combining talent and abundant energy and building upon the strength of an RIT education, these alumni have truly made their mark on campus and in their chosen profession," said Kelly Redder, alumni relations executive director. Donald Boyce, Outstanding Alumnus for 2001, received his bachelor's in business administration in 1967. He is the retired chairman and CEO of IDEX Corp., a manufacturing company in Northbrook, Ill., and chairman of the board of Walter Industries in Tampa, Fla. An RIT trustee since 2001, he lives in Lake Forest, Ill.

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Community connections

It’s a chilly Saturday morning, with a stiff breeze and intervals of freezing rain. Despite the weather, some 200 RIT students have gathered on a hillside several miles from campus to create the setting for a Halloween event for youngsters from Hillside Children’s Center. They clear brush. They stuff scarecrows. They weave giant spider webs.

“All these people could have slept in,” notes Dan Lerner of the RIT chapter of Phi Sigma Pi, whose organization rallied a squad of 35 for the Make-a-Difference Day work party “But we’re in Rochester. We want to be part of the community.”

Community service comes in all shapes and sizes at RIT. Students, staff and faculty give their time and energy – as well as dollars – to a long and growing list of organizations. In addition, RIT has forged relationships based on service with several Rochester-area agencies. And community service is a component of an increasing number of academic classes and programs.

“We work with more than 90 agencies on a regular basis,” notes Tracey Hanmer Karl, RIT’s community service coordinator. Karl ‘00 (social work) was instrumental in establishing the four-year-old Student Volunteer Center. Created as a liaison between agencies in need of help and people willing to pitch in, the center coordinates dozens of activities involving hundreds of participants every month. The center’s monthly newsletter, which lists volunteer opportunities, circulates to 1,500.

RIT’s Greek organizations are deeply involved in volunteer efforts. Last year, RIT fraternities and sororities contributed 15,423 hours of service and raised $37,500 for charities. The 48 members of Phi Kappa Psi, for instance, typically log 1,500 to 1,800 volunteer hours per quarter, says James Millholland, a fifth-year physics major. Efforts include an annual dodgeball tournament organized to raise money for children who are victims of alcoholism. “We have won awards for philanthropy,” Millholland explains. “Our fraternity was founded on the great joy of serving others, and we try to uphold that belief on a local level as well as nationally.”

Outside of the Greek community, many of RIT’s 118 clubs are involved in community service. Notable is the Habitat for Humanity Club, which lists 150 to 200 members and can readily round up 25 to 50 for weekend work sessions. Founded in 1999, the club has worked on many homes in and outside of Rochester.

“I really, really enjoy this,” says Kyle Platek, a third-year civil engineering technology major. “It’s a great way for students to get out into the community and serve.”

RIT students don’t wait to be asked – they go in search of ways to serve.

Above: Sudeep Kesh, a second-year marketing major, paints the face of Joseph Jobson at a party organized by College of Business students at the Rochester Volunteers of America Children’s Center.
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It's a chilly Saturday morning, with a stiff breeze and intervals of freezing rain. Despite the weather, some 200 RIT students have gathered on a hillside several miles from campus to create the setting for a Halloween event for youngsters from Hillside Children’s Center. They clear brush. They stuff scarecrows. They weave giant spider webs.

"All these people could have slept in," notes Dan Lerner of the RIT chapter of Phi Sigma Pi, whose organization rallied a squad of 35 for the Make-a-Difference Day work party. "But we're in Rochester. We want to be part of the community."

Community service comes in all shapes and sizes at RIT. Students, staff and faculty give their time and energy - as well as dollars - to a long and growing list of organizations. In addition, RIT has forged relationships based on service with several Rochester-area agencies. And community service is a component of an increasing number of academic classes and programs.

"We work with more than 90 agencies on a regular basis," notes Tracey Hamann Karl, RIT’s community service coordinator. Karl ‘00 (social work) was instrumental in establishing the four-year-old Student Volunteer Center. Created as a liaison between agencies in need of help and people willing to pitch in, the center coordinates dozens of activities involving hundreds of participants every month. The center’s monthly newsletter, which lists volunteer opportunities, circulates to 1,500.

RIT’s Greek organizations are deeply involved in volunteer efforts. Last year, RIT fraternities and sororities contributed 15,423 hours of service and raised $37,500 for charities.

The 48 members of Phi Kappa Psi, for instance, typically log 1,500 to 1,800 volunteer hours per quarter, says James Milholland, a fifth-year physics major. Efforts include an annual dodgeball tournament organized to raise money for children who are victims of alcoholism. "We have won awards for philanthropy," Milholland explains. "Our fraternity was founded on the great joy of serving others, and we try to uphold that belief on a local level as well as nationally."

Outside of the Greek community, many of RIT’s 118 clubs are involved in community service. Notable is the Habitat for Humanity Club, which lists 150 to 200 members and can readily round up 25 to 50 for weekend work sessions. Founded in 1999, the club has worked on many homes in and outside of Rochester.

"I really, really enjoy this," says Kyle Plahek, a third-year civil engineering technology major and coordinator of the organization. "I really enjoy volunteering. I really enjoy helping others."

RIT students don’t wait to be asked - they go in search of ways to serve.

Above: Sudeep Kesh, a second-year marketing major, paints the face of Joseph Jobson at a party organized by College of Business students at the Rochester Volunteers of America Children’s Center.
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Jason Schwingle ’00 recruited fellow College of Business students to work with the Volunteers of American Children’s Center, a daycare provider for more than 250 youngsters in central Rochester.

“I loved the kids,” he says. “It was definitely positively rewarding.”

Staf at the center are delighted with the connection.

“THe RIT volunteers are so interactive with our kids,” says Jessica Thomas, coordinator of parent and community involvement. “It’s wonderful for our kids to have positive role models, especially males.”

Dr. Irwin, a third-year management information services major, has picked up the project from Schwingle. “It’s just so much fun,” he says.

“When I go there, it’s a relief from stress for me. I get to be a 5-year-old again,” says Irwin. “Volunteering is something you do for yourself. I think, as well as for the community.”

Faculty staff and students of the College of Liberal Arts agree. Last fall, the college launched an effort with Rochester City School District’s School 36 to provide after-school activities that encourage above-average students to learn outside the regular classroom.

“It’s a hard way to see who benefits more,” says Dean Andrew Moore, “the School 36 students or the RIT volunteers.”

As a suburban campus,” he continues, “we tend to be rather insulated. Programs like this help us understand the community and also allow people to learn about RIT.”

RIT staff and faculty also support the community through gifts of time and resources. University employees have generously supported the United Sigma Alpha Mu brothers Ray Winter, left, and Paul Chetette sat in a box on top of a fire- pole for the fraternity’s seventh annual ‘pole sit’ fundraiser for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Way campaign: in 2001, RIT tallied a record high of $269,188 and, for the seventh year, earned an Award of Excellence from the United Way of Greater Rochester. With the help of many from the RIT community, the university hosts track and field events for Monroe County Special Olympics each summer. Faculty, staff and students roll up their sleeves for Red Cross blood drives four times a year.

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"The depth of the connection, the understanding, shows in the work," says Steinberg. "The pictures are rich, going beyond the surface. "It is more work for the teacher," she admits. "Logically, it can be a nightmare. But the students have shown me again and again that this is worth the effort."

A growing number of RIT professors incorporate "community-based learning" in their classes. RIT’s Learn and Serve America project created a partnership with Rochester’s Northeast Neighborhood Alliance (NEA), a group that serves one of the city’s poorest areas. Initiated by the College of Liberal Arts, the project received a $420,000 grant from the Corporation for National Service.

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**Albany**

The Albany Alumni Chapter kicked off the fall with a networking event at the Big Apple Bistro in New York. Alumni members got the opportunity to socialize and network while enjoying a meal and each other's company. The chapter has been very active in recent years, hosting various events and providing opportunities for alumni to get involved.

**Atlanta**

On Sept. 29, nearly 40 alumni and friends attended an exciting Atlanta Braves vs. New York Mets baseball game. This family outing was complete with a game-winning grand slam in the bottom of the ninth. Thanks to Joe Del Conte Jr. 95 and Dan Damagapas Jr. 92 for coordinating chapter activities.

**Boston**

Quack! Quack! Alumni, family, and friends filled an authentic, renovated duck tour of Boston. The 90-minute historical tour was enjoyed by all.

**Buffalo**

On Jan. 5, nearly 40 alumni and guests had a pre-game warm-up party at the Pearl Street Grill and then walked next door to the HSBC Arena for an action-packed lacrosse game between Rochester and Buffalo. Thank you to Tom Stumpf '89 for coordinating this event. If you have ideas for future alumni activities, contact him at 716-668-7914.

**Chicago**

Print '01 took place in Chicago last fall. Many students, alumni, and faculty members from the School of Printing attended this major printing industry event. A breakfast meeting hosted by the School of Printing gave alumni the opportunity to meet with Dr. John Stone, dean, College of Imaging Arts and Sciences; Frank Cost, associate dean; Frank Romano, chair; and other faculty and students from the school.

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Terrence Anderson '82 is the chief financial officer for World Interactive Network, N.Y.

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Michael Riley '82 is a vice president of sales for Connect Communications, Newark, Del.

Gina Johnson '83 & '92 is a licensed psychologist for the Central School District, Lincoln, N.Y.

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Class Notes

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David Morrissey ‘69 is director of federal systems for Perugia Systems, Inc., Bethel, Md.
John Armenta ‘70 is a graphic designer for Dunn and Rice Design, Rochester.
Rados Crow ‘71 is an independent business owner.
William Scheiderich ‘72 is a comptroller and controller for Labor Tempo, Inc., Chicago.
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Rochester

The Rochester Chapter has been busy! On Nov. 15, more than 55 gathered to enjoy a late Fall winetasting at Vineyards in Fairport. Alumni had the opportunity to tour the vineyard’s facilities, taste a variety of wines, and socialize with alumni and guests. A number of Alumni Network Board of Directors members attended the special evening. In addition, on Feb. 2 nearly 150 alumni and guests attended the annual Tiger Sports Night held on RIT’s campus. All in one evening, this unique activity allowed alumni the opportunity to cheer for five student athletic events!

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San Francisco

What a beautiful, cloudless day we had as we sailed out on the Sept. 9 nearly 50 alumni and guests sailed on the luxurious Orlaya Raven caratman. This three-hour chartered cruise provided spectacular views of both the Bay Bridge and the Golden Gate Bridge. Thank you to Michelle Conklin '94 for hosting this alumni event. Contact her about future dates at 510-324-2842.

Seattle

Thank you to Michael Woods '92 for his loyalty in coordinating Seattle alumni events. Have an idea for an event? Contact Michael at 206-521-6629.

Syracuse

Come enjoy Big East athletics SC style! Whether you’re a basketball fan or a football fan, the Carrier Dome has a game for you. RIT alumni, family and friends gathered last September for Orange men’s and women’s basketball and again in February for Orange men’s basketball. For an opportunity to wear your orange, join the fun at a pre-game hotel reception followed by an athletic event at the Carrier Dome. For more information, call Michael Scott '88 at 515-471-3151.

Alumni Admissions Network

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Alumni Activities

Washington, D.C.

Mark your calendars! A number of exciting activities are being planned for alumni in the region. On March 10, the chapter will host an evening of hockey and fun. A winetasting dinner is being planned for later in the fall along with a special educational opportunity. Be sure to keep an eye out for the mail in, for information, and check the website regularly for updates (www.rit.edu/alumni).

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Visit the Alumni Relations Web site at: www.rit.edu/alumni to see the schedule of remaining Rochester Chapter 2002 events. You won’t want to miss the Seneca Lake wine tour, the gathering at the Memorial Art Gallery, the picnic at Stony Brook State Park, the theatre excursion in Toronto, or Brick City Festival and Reunion 2002 festivities!

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Providence, France - April 28- May 7: Sun-drenched Providence is an enchanting land of dazzling light, olive groves, fields of lavender and winery yards. From your campus site in beautiful Arles-Provence, experience this magnificent part of France.

Spring in the Netherlands

All trips will depart from the New York area.

For information about the following trips, please call 585-475-3757.

Getaway to the Caribbean

Cruises leave St. Marten and Bar Harbor, Maine, Halifax and Sydney, Nova Scotia, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Saguenay Fjord and Quebec City before debarking in Montreal.

China - Oct. 8-22: Experience the magic of a land whose civilization has endured longer than any other in the world. See the treasures that have drawn travelers to the mysterious East for centuries: Beijing and the Great Wall, the famous Terra Cotta Warriors of Xi’an, the magnificent Three Gorges and Sensational Shanghai.

Alaska - July 18-28: The itinerary includes Denali National Park and the Inside Passage, filled with fjords, glaciers, and whales. Travel from Fairbanks to Denali aboard the McKinley Explorer cruise railroad, then enjoy an eight-day cruise to the glaciers aboard the M.S. Veendam.

Athens, Greece - Aug. 27 - Sept. 5: Peros, our island campus site, rises from the sparkling waters of the Saronic Gulf, and whales. Travel from Fairbanks to Denali aboard the McKinley Explorer cruise railroad, then enjoy an eight-day cruise to the glaciers aboard the M.S. Veendam.

Fall Foliage Cruise - Oct. 2, 12: Come aboard the 1,316 passenger M.S. Rotterdam, the luxurious flagship of the Holland America Cruise Line, for a celebration of autumns on the East Coast. From New York City cruise the coast of Maine, Bar Harbor, Maine, Halifax and Sydney, Nova Scotia, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Saguenay Fjord and Quebec City before debarking in Montreal.

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Alumni Highlights

Forging a career in art

Cast in bronze, suffragist Susan B. Anthony and abolitionist Frederick Douglass share a pot of tea in a unique look at Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglass. Sculptor Pepsy Kettavong ’95 captured these historical giants in their youth, engaged in lively conversation. Unfortunately, accessible to 21st-century admirers.

“Our idea was to utilize history to get people involved,” says the artist. “It’s a social statement. A black man and a white woman are drinking tea together. A Laotian makes their sculpture. It could be a metaphor for American democracy.”

Kettavong was a Communist-controlled Laos with his family in 1980, when he was 8. After nearly two years in a Thai refugee camp, the family came to the Rochester area under the sponsorship of the Lakeside United Church of Christ. His childhood interest in making things out of clay led him to RIT, where he worked closely with Professor Richard Hirsch in the School of American Crafts. “I came to understand the creative process and what it enters into the field, what it takes to be successful.”

Kettavong says, “Hirsch teaches what he believes, and believes what he teaches.” After graduation, the young artist became studio manager for the prominent ceramicist sculptor Jun Kaneko in Rochester. After two years, he was ready to move on. Kettavong stayed in Nebraska, doing odd jobs while pursuing his own ideas about art, ultimately taking a job as a designer at a ceramic tile company where he could build his own pieces after hours. In 1997, Kettavong showed his large-scale, abstract, ceramic-and-wood pieces realized in major sales and a big boost for his career. Kettavong returned to Rochester where he’s stayed busy with public and private commissions. The Anthony-Douglass sculpture, funded by corporations, private donors, foundations and the Arts & Cultural Council for Greater Rochester, was in the works for three years. It’s one of twenty-two pieces Kettavong felt was correct for this project. His next major public work will be conceptual. While he was still in college, the “truly important” intent to communicate,” says Kettavong. “The one thing I don’t want is to be categorized.”
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Holland - Apr. 30 - May 7 - Sun-drenched springtime

Providence - April - May 10 - 18 - Experience tulip time aboard River Cloud, one of the most luxurious river cruise vessels afloat. Tulip time in The Netherlands.

Along the Rhine
- April 30 - May 7 - Discover the Rhine and Moselle valleys. Dazzling beauty of the Rhineland.

Cruise to Athens
- May 6 - May 14 - Enjoy an eight-day cruise to the Mediterranean. Spectacular outdoor artistry of Floriade, the world's largest horticultural display.

Mediterranean Cruise
- May 6 - May 14

Cruise to the glaciers
- May 12 - May 20 - Enjoy an eight-day cruise to the glaciers afloat the M.S. Rotterdam, the luxurious flagship of the Holland America Cruise line, for a celebration of autumns on the East Coast. From New York City, cruise to Newport, R.I., Boston, Bar Harbor, Maine, Halifax and Sydney, Nova Scotia. Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. Saguenay Fjord and Quebec City before disembarking in Montreal.

Pacific
- May 27 - June 4 - Enjoy an eight-day cruise on the M.S. Veendam. Aegina, Hydra. Mycenae and Athens.


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For more information including about including RIT in your will or making another type of planned gift, contact Kelley, RIT’s assistant director of planned giving, RIT, 116 Lomb Memorial Drive, Rochester, NY 14620. 585-475-4566.
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New friends in the National Society of the America Merchant Marine and Sea Education Association (NIMA) have been made. Among them are (from left) David Murphy, Thomas Calhoun, Richard Murphy, and David Murphy.

Grant Lott 96 '01 is an information systems analyst for the University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha. He has worked with the University of Nebraska Medical Center since 1992.

Tommy Mulford '99 is a senior analyst for the University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha. He has worked with the University of Nebraska Medical Center since 1990.

Floyd Williams '00 is a systems analyst for the University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha. He has worked with the University of Nebraska Medical Center since 1990.
New members of the RIT Sports Hall of Fame are (from left) Jay Murphy '94, Tom Peeples '96, Stantie Harchew '93, David Edgar '92, Bob Klos '95, and Gerald Jube '76.

The Honorable David D. Egan, New York State Supreme Court Justice, wrestled, played soccer, served as assistant wrestling coach, was an Olympic judo gold medalist, and a member of the RIT Board of Trustees. He graduated in 1952 with a degree in business administration. Currently, he is president of the National Association of the 1950s. He was one of the top athletes in the nation. He was one of the top athletes in the nation. He finished in the top 10 in the nation in 1953. He also played hockey and baseball. He was the first deaf athlete to win an NCAA All-American title.

In 1957, the Hall of Fame expanded its eligibility to include former RIT students who had not competed in intercollegiate sports but had made significant contributions to the university. These contributions have included service on the RIT Board of Trustees, service as an officer of the Alumni Association, and service as a member of the RIT Board of Trustees.

The RIT Sports Hall of Fame was established in 1962 to honor the accomplishments of RIT alumni who have distinguished themselves in athletics, academics, and service to the university. The Hall of Fame recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the university and its athletics program.

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RIT alumna featured in major photo exhibit

Photos by three RIT alumna are featured in Game Face: What Does a Female Athlete Look Like?, a book and exhibition by Jane Gutenmann and Geoffrey Bkle. The 139 photo exhibit was on display at the Smithsonian Institution from June through and in September from January through March, and will be at the Women’s Museum in Dallas from May through July 2002.

The book, published by Random House, is a collection of 182 color and black-and-white photos of women that sport and sell their image in the media. The images range from the famous and the unknown, ranging from Jackie Joyner-Kersee and Amelia Earhart to a 3-year-old basketball player.

Lynn Johnson has 75 photos in the book: a photo of one high school athlete preparing for a game, and another of a double amputee who runs on artificial feet. Robert Bukaty ‘82 contributed a photo of a Maine woman towing an iron skillet. A photo of the 1971 Men’s Basketball Team by Gerald Williams ‘75 is also included.

Got the post-tax-time blues?
April’s tax-filing deadline leaves many folks wishing for more — more deductions. Solutions? A RIT Charitable Gift Annuity — it offers donors both a lifetime income and a charitable deduction.

In exchange for a gift of cash or marketable securities, RIT will pay the donor (and a loved one, if desired) a guaranteed lifetime income and a general deduction as well. Annual income is based on age and ranges from a rate of 3.5 percent for 55-year-olds, up to 10 percent for those 84 and over. For example: Stella Jackson donated $10,000 in July of 2001 in exchange for a guaranteed income. Based on her age at age 77, she received a rate of 8.2 percent, with an annual annuity of $2,460. Because she donated cash, Ms. Jackson enjoys a portion of the income — $1,505.52 — tax-free. She also received a capital appreciation of $1,384.48. Ms. Jackson has directed that RIT use the proceeds for scholarship assistance in her late husband’s name.

For more information about a RIT Charitable Gift Annuity contact Bette Rolley, assistant director of planned giving, RIT, 116 Lembal Memorial Drive, Rochester, N.Y. 14623. 585-475-6366.
Christopher Peresin '97 is an embedded systems architect for Triad Data Systems, Inc., Coralville, Iowa. Eric Stone '97 is a senior network consultant for Entergy Corporation, New York.

Kimm Switzer '97 is a senior manufacturing engineer for General Electric's Lighting Division, 1200 E. 86th St., Indianapolis, Ind.

Ted Vanderweerker '97 is a staff hardware engineer for Luminex Systems, South San Francisco, Calif.

Scott Cherrall '98 is a senior design engineer for Viel & Wotawa, Harrow, Herts., U.K.

Bradley De La Croix '99 is a mechanical engineer for Trac-Pac Associates, Williamsburg, N.Y.

Matthew Jewett '99 is a computer engineer for R. Brooks Associates, Williamson, N.Y.

Phillip Ohme '99 is a human factors engineer for W Insight, San Diego, Calif.

Gary Richardson '99 is a senior research and development engineer for Bausch & Lomb, Rochester, N.Y.

David Deese '00 is a research scientist at Oak Ridge National Laboratory at Penn State University, State College, Pa.

Jose Froehlich '90 is a systems engineer for Analog Devices, Inc., Norwood, Mass.

Cory Pike '00 is an aerospace basic implant process engineer for IBM, Research Triangle Park, N.C.

Luis Lopez-Bordallo '99 is an account executive for Lopez Retrieval, Saint Croix de Terre, Sport.

Alfonso Toroquez '99 is a process engineer for Trig-Quint Semiconductor, San Jose, Calif.

Juan Jaramillo-Morgan '00 is a senior software engineer for Microsoft, State College, Pa.

Michael Bell '91 is an estimator for R. Brooks Associates, Williamson, N.Y.

Mark Benjamin '91 is a senior project engineer for Triad Data Systems, Inc., Coralville, Iowa.

Morris Fishman is president of Level 3 Communications, Denver, Colo.

Christopher Peskin '99 is a commercial photographer for Imagery & Publishing Technology, Rochester, N.Y.

Nicholas Larella '99 is a regional sales manager for Walsworth, Kansas City, Mo.

Kevin C. Klos is an associate professor of graphic design at the College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, Va.

Marie L. Schleifer is an account manager at Houghton Mifflin Co., Boston, Mass.

Barbara Van Arnum is a systems engineer for Digital Equipment Corp., Hopkinton, Mass.

Phillip Ohme '99 is a computer engineer for W Insight, San Diego, Calif.

Chiaki Hara is a visiting professor of industrial design at Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology, Tokyo, Japan.

Patrick Brown '99 is an account executive for Bill South Advertising & Publishing, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Catherine Bollin is an assistant manager for Honeywell FlowTech, Allentown, Pa.

Perry E. Flynn '98 is an account executive for Zacks Investment Research, Chicago, Ill.

James Buxton '99 is a business development manager for Jostens-Winston Salem, Winston-Salem, N.C.

Christopher Thurston '99 is a visual 
designer for Jostens-Winston Salem, Winston-Winston, N.C.

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**Retirements**

**Business**

Sunanda Sullivan '83 has retired after 25 years at Genentech. "Her improving pharmaceutical products to the Rochester region for 35 years," said an internal source. Cheryn Davis '97 retired from Eastman Kodak Company after 35 years. The latter will retire in a new career in personal financial management with First National Financial Services in Pittsford, N.Y.

**Continuing Education**

- David Barnes '79 has retired from Eastman Kodak Company after 27 years.
- David Wooding '85

**Graphic Arts & Photography**

- I. Borthwick '89 has retired as senior vice president at Chase. P. Young Co.

**NDT**

- Donald Stoops '72 has retired from Locust Technologies. He is the wife of Jerrin '72.

**IN MEMORIAM**

- Frank Prickett '40
- Louis Jenkins '48
- Thomas Pino '48
- Charlie Angi '51
- Arthur Kohls '61
- Genevieve Butcher Knapp '69
- Angelo Curcio '70
- William Leary '76
- Frederick Sheldon '76
- Geraldine Adams '83
- Patrick Knapp '85
- Wayne Perkins '87
- Engineering
- Erin Morris '89
- James Hayden '93
- Michael Serron '40
- Leon Schelble '47
- Frederick Ward '42
- John McCarthy '50
- Harold Scholzmann '79
- Richard Hauser '73

**Update on Touch**

Let us know if you have moved or plan to moving, in the near future so that we can make sure you continue to receive RIT's Essentiality Magazine. Let your friends know what you're doing by sharing this magazine with your friends.

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- Class Note Information (to be included in an upcoming issue):

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- Graphic Arts & Photography

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**Business**

- Randall Murdock '87 (SVP '88)
- Fire. (Tempe, Ariz.) (SVP '84) and Colby, a son, William, April 13, 2001.
- Marla Eng 'Saturane '90 (SVP '84) and husband, Toby, an son, Anthony. May 13, 2001.
- Bruce Dreyfus '00 and husband, Anthony, a daughter, Gema. May 13, 2001.
- Bridget McCarthy Prentice '91 (SVP '87) and husband, Scott. April 15, 2001.

**NDT**

- Stanley Sanders '62 (SVP '89) and wife, Claire (Vidrine), a daughter. Colby Autumn, Sept. 5, 2001.
- Joe Simmons '95 (SVP '92) and wife, Leah Simont, a son, Sam, Thomas. Aug. 1, 2001.

**Science**

- Keith Shugart '95 and wife, Michelle, a son, Brendan William. April 16, 2001.
- Timothy Conley '01 (SVP '93) and wife, Pamela (Linza). SVP '80) a daughter. Claire (Vidrine), a daughter. Colby Autumn, Sept. 5, 2001.

**Finance**


**Business**

- Joel Rooy '90 (SVP '84) and wife, Claire (Vidrine), a daughter. Colby Autumn, Sept. 5, 2001.
- Joe Simmons '95 (SVP '92) and wife, Leah Simont, a son, Sam, Thomas. Aug. 1, 2001.

**NDT**

- Jon Kerby '95 and meet, a daughter, Samantha. April 18, 2001.

**Engineering**

- Frank Prickett '40
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- Thomas Pino '48
- Charlie Angi '51
- Arthur Kohls '61
- Genevieve Butcher Knapp '69
- Angelo Curcio '70
- William Leary '76
- Frederick Sheldon '76
- Geraldine Adams '83
- Patrick Knapp '85
- Wayne Perkins '87
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- Erin Morris '89
- James Hayden '93
- Michael Serron '40
- Leon Schelble '47
- Frederick Ward '42
- John McCarthy '50
- Harold Scholzmann '79
- Richard Hauser '73

**Fine & Applied Arts**


**Marriage**

- Susan Closky '95 and husband, Tony, a son, Doon. Nov. 10, 2001.

**Business**

- Charles Feck '38
- Deborah Medwig '78
- Amy McGarig Steven '95 and husband, Ben, a son, Simon. April 16, 2001.

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Cherie Miskel '96 is an imaging specialist for NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md.

Lynne Ryan '96 is a scientist for Rock Diagnostics, Roswell, Ga.

Ellen Hibbard '97 (SVP '91), has been accepted to graduate school at the University of Rochester, Buffalo, N.Y.

Kathleen Martin Carney '88 and husband, Jon, are the parents of a daughter, Erin Nicole, March 31, 2001.


Karen, a daughter, Julia and son, Cameron O'McCarthy, April 15, 2001.


Joe Simmons '97 (SVP '92) and wife, Leah Simmons '95, a daughter, Sam, Aug. 1, 2001.


Tony and Jennifer Jorjan (Neri), '72, enjoy being grandparents and going to their cabin in Wisco to hunt, fish, and relax. They reside in St. Charles, Ill.
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Four female fencers from the '50s show their form at a match between RIT and St. Lawrence University. Was this a popular sport at the time? Were many women involved in fencing? Was the team successful? If you have information or fond memories, we'd love to hear from you. Write to The University Magazine, RIT, 132 Lomb Memorial Drive, Rochester, NY 14623, or send e-mail to umagwww@rit.edu. See page 5 of this issue for the story behind the Archives photo in the Fall 2001 issue.

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