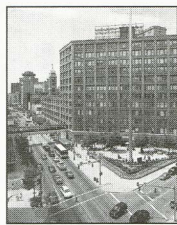




**2** RIT prof promotes Arts and Crafts works



**2** December Big Shot goes downtown



**3** Groundbreaking for NTID arts center



**4** RIT students win packaging award

## The debate ends: RIT decides to retain quarter system

In a memo to the campus community on Nov. 7, RIT President Albert Simone announced that, after much discussion, the Institute would retain the quarter calendar. The decision comes after more than five months of debate and research stemming from an institutional task force report which concluded that changing RIT's academic calendar from a quarter to a semester system would enhance campus-wide student retention strategies.

In his follow-up report, Simone stated that RIT is capable of achieving many of the advantages of the semester system while remaining on quarters. He noted that the faculty as a whole favored quarters by a slight margin, while the students, administration, staff and Institute Council strongly favored quarters.

According to Simone, there wasn't sufficient evidence presented to demonstrate that retention clearly would be positively

influenced by changing the calendar. And even if semesters enhanced retention, it is unclear whether positive results would outweigh the short-run and long-run negative fallout accompanying such a change from the point of view of other university goals and objectives. The precise form a semester system would take, together with the consequences such a system would have on course offerings and content, co-op, and other relevant variables on a program-by-program

basis, was not available.

Simone's report also mentioned that changing the calendar would distract the campus from initiatives such as *First in Class*, the Capital Campaign, diversity and new-program development.

In addition, Simone disclosed the results of several on-campus surveys. Nearly 3,200 students voted in a Student Government online survey with 85 percent voting to retain the quarter system. The results of college

surveys by each dean were much closer—51 percent of the faculty surveyed favored quarters, with 49 percent preferring a switch to semesters. The College of Applied Science and Technology and Kate Gleason College of Engineering had the only two faculties in favor of keeping the current quarter system. However, a faculty referendum revealed that 54 percent of voters believe that a change to semesters would not have an impact on student retention. In other surveys, Administrative Council, Institute Council, deans and parents all voted to retain the quarter system.

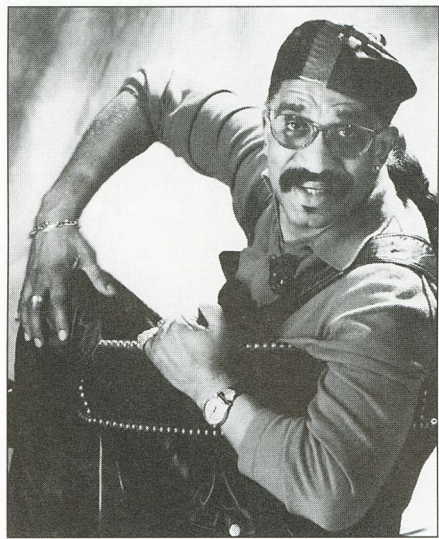
"It has been impossible for me to ignore the strong feelings expressed by 85 percent of a large segment of the student body in support of quarters," said Simone. "It is not only the quantitative aspect of their expression but, more importantly, the passion, conviction and emotion with which they expressed their views. Student Government was masterfully organized, and forthright and professional in their representation. Their online voting software and approach can be used as a model to solicit student opinion in the future on matters of importance to the campus community," Simone said he was extremely proud of the way the student body

*Continued on page 2*

### SAC speaker series kicks off with Fagan, Dec. 7

Garth Fagan, internationally acclaimed choreographer and founder of Garth Fagan Dance, brings his inspiring story to campus Thursday, Dec. 7.

He'll be the inaugural attraction for a visiting speaker series, sponsored by the School for American Crafts (SAC). The series provides a forum for stimulating and provocative discussion relevant to



Garth Fagan

contemporary craft and art issues. This year's theme is Creativity and Craftsmanship.

Invited speakers will represent a diverse range of interests, creating a dialog that transcends the boundaries of a particular discipline and speaks to all artists in a common language.

"Throughout his career, Mr. Fagan has addressed the theme of our series with integrity, rigor and artistry," says Rich Tannen, SAC chair. "We are honored to have him as our guest."

Fagan, known as one of the great innovators of American dance, won a Tony Award for his choreography of Broadway's *The Lion King*. In 1996, he was among 25 American scholars, artists, professionals and public figures to receive the title, Fulbright 50th Anniversary Distinguished Fellow. Garth Fagan Dance continues to tour extensively, performing at a variety of major U.S. and international venues.

Fagan will speak at 7 p.m. in Webb Auditorium, James E. Booth Building. The event is free and open to the public. ■



**RIBBON CUTTING CELEBRATES RENEWAL OF JAMES E. GLEASON BUILDING...** Guests gathered in the James E. Gleason Building's new Gordon Atrium Nov. 9 for a ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating completion of the building's \$15 million renovation. Shown, left to right, are Stanley McKenzie, provost and vice president for academic affairs; William Buckingham, chairman of the RIT Board of Trustees; Jennifer Schuab, third-year electrical engineering major and a Kate Gleason scholar; James S. Gleason, RIT trustee and chairman of Gleason Corp.; Albert Simone, RIT president; Harvey Palmer, dean of the Kate Gleason College of Engineering; Jack Erdle, chairman of Eldre Corp.; and Robert Wellek, a deputy director of the National Science Foundation. Palmer, dean since July 1, says the project assures RIT engineering students a first-rate education that will serve them well in today's technically sophisticated workplace. Guests also toured the renewed facility and attended a reception in Erdle Commons.

### Hillside scholar shows program's success

Attending college is often a big adjustment. Just ask Richard Cunningham. This first-year RIT student is studying mechanical engineering technology. The course load proved challenging, but he quickly found his groove.

"I feel like things are going pretty well now," Cunningham says. "I have a lot of morning classes, so it can get kind of crazy, but it leaves me with plenty of time to do my homework."

Cunningham is among the first four students admitted to RIT as part of a partnership with the Hillside Work-Scholarship Connection (HW-SC). The Hillside program links urban youngsters to a support network of youth advocates and employers. The aim is

to encourage these students to stay in school, prepare for college, and develop

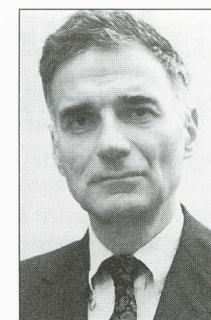
*Continued on page 2*

#### Emergency closing information

With winter just a few short weeks away, it's only a question of how much snow, ice and other Jack Frost wonders we'll be seeing in the next few months. If winter storms or other weather conditions force the campus to close or classes to be cancelled, you can find up-to-date information in the following ways:

- Dial the Institute Closing and Cancellation Hotline at 5-7075 (V), 5-7076 (TTY);
- Check the RIT home pages, [www.rit.edu](http://www.rit.edu) or [inside.rit.edu](http://inside.rit.edu);
- Check the campus VAX system for an ITS log-on message;
- Listen to local radio and television stations for announcements.

### Nader to address the RIT community Dec. 7



Ralph Nader

Green Party presidential candidate and consumer-rights activist Ralph Nader will visit RIT on Thursday, Dec. 7, as part of the Caroline Werner Gannett Lecture Series. He will give a talk on "Democracy and Big Business" at 7:30 p.m. in Ingle Auditorium,

Student Alumni Union.

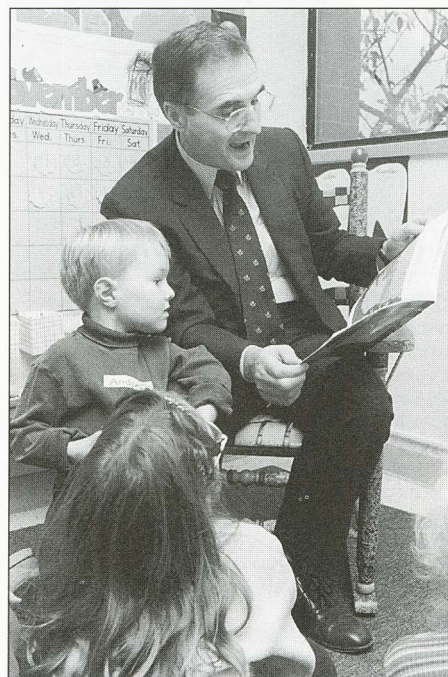
Included in *Time* magazine's list of 100 most influential Americans of the 20th century, Nader has devoted his life to challenging corporate negligence and governmental indifference.

Working with lawmakers, he was instrumental in creating the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Consumer Product Safety Commission. Laws Nader helped draft and pass include the Safe Drinking Water Act, the Meat and Poultry Inspection rules and the Freedom of Information Act.

Nader has written numerous best-selling books, including the influential *Unsafe at any Speed*, an exposé on the automotive industry and, more recently, *Why Women Pay More* and *No Contest: Corporate Lawyers and the Perversion of Justice in America*. His most recent book, *The Ralph Nader Reader*, will be available at the lecture and in the RIT bookstore, Campus Connections.

Lee Quinby, director of the Gannett Lecture series, notes that, "As many people have said over the past several months, regardless of party affiliation, Ralph Nader is a cultural icon and hero in a time when there aren't many. His work has changed the landscape of corporate politics and made this country a safer and more just place to live."

The lecture—free and open to the public—will be followed by a reception. For more information, call 5-2929. ■



**THERE'S NOTHING LIKE A GOOD BOOK...** RIT President Albert Simone took time out of his schedule to read *The Field Beyond the Outfield* to students in Sue Northrup's kindergarten class at Margaret's House on Nov. 13. Simone helped the students celebrate *The Children's Book Council's National Children's Book Week*. This year's theme, *Fuel Your Mind*, reflects the nourishment that kids get from a healthy, balanced diet of reading. Since 1919, educators, librarians, booksellers and families have celebrated *National Children's Book Week* during the week before Thanksgiving. Shown here, kindergartener Andrew Fulkerson moves in for a closer look at the illustrations.



# RIT professor, antiques dealer brings "mission" to the fore

A century after its debut, the decorative style known as Arts & Crafts or "mission" has come into vogue again. In response to excessive Victorian ornamentation, mission simplified style in the early 1900s with clean lines and plain, pleasing forms. By 1920, mission style was out of style. But fashions recycle, and now sets for movies, television shows and advertisements are frequently decorated in this early 20th-century mode.

What accounts for the revival? Bruce Austin, chair of RIT's communication department in the College of Liberal Arts and a private antiques dealer and auctioneer, attributes the renewed interest in the Arts & Crafts style to a popular exhibit held at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts in 1987.

Austin, an Arts & Crafts expert, organized an exhibit that ran at RIT's Bevier Gallery from December 1991 to January 1992, which attracted considerable national and local

media coverage. "The American Arts & Crafts Movement in Western New York" featured 150 objects created in this region, including 40 by ceramist Frederick Walrath, a Mechanics Institute professor from 1908 to 1918. (Walrath is pictured in one of the photographs hanging in the first-floor corridor of the George Eastman Building.)

The popularity of Arts & Crafts/mission has primed the antiques market for collectors and dealers alike. Austin recently held an auction, with himself as the caller, to sell an extremely rare mission-style desk for a client in Philadelphia. She initially had sent him a brief note and two snapshots of the desk, hoping he would know something about it.

Austin knew right away that the inlaid oak desk was manufactured in 1904 by Gustav Stickley's Craftsman Workshops in Syracuse and designed by Rochester

architect Harvey Ellis, founder and president of the Rochester Arts and Crafts Society. He also knew the desk was only the fourth of its kind to surface in the antiques world, and that in 1996 an identical desk sold at an auction in New York City for \$75,000.

He remembers, "I called her, told her

more than she ever wanted to know about the desk's designer and, later, she decided the desk was too valuable for her to keep in her home.

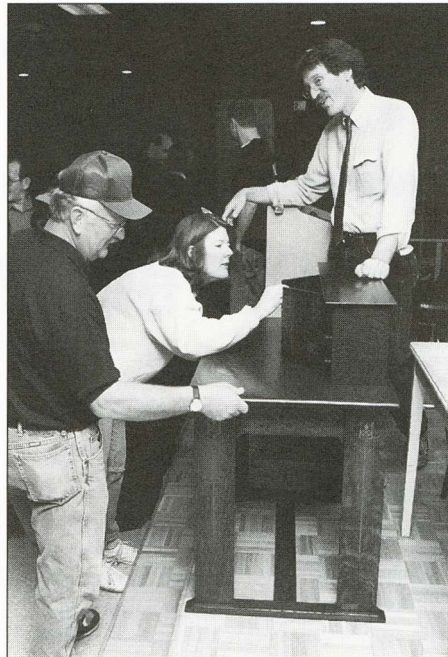
"The desk is, arguably, the most rare and the best-designed piece of furniture Harvey Ellis created. Unfortunately his tenure at Stickley's factory was incredibly brief—he died seven months after joining the firm—and the cost of manufacturing the inlaid design was so high that few were actually made."

The desk's existence and Nov. 8 auction in Syracuse stirred up considerable interest from museums, private collectors and dealers. A reporter from *Maine Antiques Digest*, a national publication, covered the auction. The bidding war for the desk, beginning at \$35,000, ended at \$71,500, with the desk going to a private collector.

"The auction is in a sense the free market at work," Austin says. "The bidders determine the value of the object. The only price that counts is the one that it sells at."

His client was not disappointed, especially since the desk, in the woman's family since 1904, had been stored in a tiny bedroom, unused and boxed in by a bed.

Austin notes that television programs like *Antiques Roadshow* heighten awareness about the objects we collect or inherit. "People hope they've found the jewel in the attic. Every now and again they do." ■

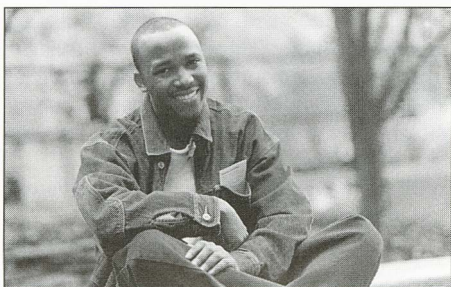


Potential bidders inspect a mission-style desk at an antiques auction held recently by Bruce Austin, at right. The desk sold for \$71,500.

## Hillside (from page 1)

work and life skills. This year, RIT President Albert Simone made RIT a partner by providing scholarship support to help qualified HW-SC students attend RIT.

"This is a very worthwhile program because it takes students who are at risk of dropping out of high school and places them in a work environment while encouraging them to continue their education," states Bob French, assistant vice president of enrollment management and career services. "Most RIT students combine college study and work experience through



Richard Cunningham

cooperative education, so we are always interested in students who understand that you can learn both inside and outside of the classroom. The students from Hillside have already done that."

When fully implemented, RIT may support as many as 30 HW-SC students by providing up to \$300,000 in scholarships annually. HW-SC students who graduate from Monroe Community College and transfer to RIT may also qualify.

Cunningham describes the work experience as one of the Hillside program's greatest benefits. While attending Wilson Magnet High School, he held down a job at Wegmans. He's also grateful for the guidance he received along the way from a Hillside mentor.

"The youth advocate is somebody who really cares," he explains. "You can call day or night, and their door is always open no

matter what. Just having someone to talk to makes you want to stay in the program even longer."

Recent HW-SC statistics place high school graduation rates at 77 percent to 85 percent and show an 84 percent average of students accepted into colleges. Hillside coordinators credit RIT for offering the tools necessary to maintain that level of commitment.

"Dr. Simone recognizes the need to provide more than scholarships," says Annette Gantt, HW-SC executive director. "There's a real need to provide mentors at college as well, since it's such a drastic transition. Providing a youth advocate increases the likelihood that students will experience continued success at the college level."

Joining Cunningham as the first HW-SC students at RIT are Hung Dang, information technology, San Diego, computer science, and Tuyen Luan, mathematics. Gantt says the RIT scholarships make a quality education accessible to students who may otherwise think it's out of reach.

"College opens your eyes in many ways," she explains. "If we can get more kids to make it to that level, it's going to mean great things for them and our community."

Cunningham is anxious to help others in the community reap the benefits from his own experiences.

"Once I have my degree, I want to open a tutoring center that specializes in science, math and engineering. Also, I want to offer my own mentoring program so that young people can have somebody to talk to when times are tough." ■



COME SEE THE LIGHT... Downtown is the focus of a special Big Shot, sponsored by the City of Rochester and RIT's School of Photographic Arts and Sciences. Organizers hope more than a thousand people will gather at the Liberty Pole on Saturday, Dec. 2. With flashlights and camera flashes in hand, volunteers will "paint" the area with light, helping to produce RIT's 15th Big Shot photo. Musical entertainment kicks off the festivities at 5 p.m., with the photo shoot planned for just after 6 p.m. Immediately following, everyone from the RIT community is invited to a reception at the Hyatt Regency. To register for the reception, contact the Alumni Relations Office at 5-7416.

## Princess Grace award winner

Corey Olin, a student in the School of Film and Animation, won the 2000 Princess Grace Award which assists aspiring artists through scholarships, apprenticeships and fellowships.

Members of the Princess Grace Foundation recognized his achievements, including his work as a designer for children's entertainment company The Dinner Dogs. His work in three-dimensional animation, painting, resin casting and drawing were also noted. ■

## Quarter decision

(from page 1)

engaged this issue.

Simone explained that, in his estimation, the biggest challenge in improving retention is changing the culture of negative attitudes affecting the RIT student body. Calling for action and accountability from "the top-down," Simone stressed the importance of having a proper attitude among all faculty, staff and administration when dealing with students—ultimately impacting student retention.

In conclusion, Simone recommended designing and implementing retention strategies, and mentioned specific programs that may be instituted and/or evaluated. One idea that may be considered is a new student advisor/advocate program, where all incoming freshmen would be assigned to carefully selected, trained upperclassmen responsible for "guiding" the new students. The First Year Enrichment/Wellness program will be evaluated at the conclusion of its first year to assess retention success. RIT programs with high retention rates will be studied and the concept of Freshmen College, a strategy that uses some of the retention advantages of semesters while still retaining the quarter system, is being examined by Stanley McKenzie, provost and vice president for academic affairs.

"I am asking the entire campus to get behind our students," says Simone. "I want all of us to work as hard as we can to make it possible for each student at RIT to be everything that he or she can be." ■



IN LIVING COLOR... White Lily is among more than two dozen works by Alan Singer, RIT associate professor of art, that will go on display at the Country Club of Rochester. Translucency, an exhibition of his watercolor paintings, runs Dec. 2-28 and is open to the public.

## RIT "angels" help East House

For the fourth consecutive year, RIT's Greek community will sponsor the Tree of Angels project to benefit East House of Rochester, a non-profit mental health agency. Again this year, RIT students will "adopt" families and purchase over 200 holiday gifts for some less fortunate children and grandchildren of East House residents. To kickoff the event, the Greek community will hold a tree-lighting ceremony, 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 12, in the Grace Watson lobby. The RIT community is invited.

"The holidays are a tough time for many East House parents and grandparents who aren't able to give their kids gifts," says Peter Leighton, RIT's assistant director for campus life.

"For the past three years, this project has been a great opportunity for the Greek community and the RIT campus to play the role of Santa Claus and make the holidays a little brighter for them."

For more information about the Tree of Angels project, contact Leighton at 5-7123.

## Exploring Chandra's mission

RIT imaging scientist Joel Kastner will present "Chandra's Mission: The Observatory Since its Launch" at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 6, in Ingle Auditorium, Student Alumni Union. Sponsored by Alumni Relations, the free talk is open to members of the RIT community. Further information and online registration forms can be found at [www.rit.edu/UR/AL/activities/chandra.html](http://www.rit.edu/UR/AL/activities/chandra.html). If you're interested in attending, please RSVP by Friday, Dec. 1. For more information, contact Christina Mancini at 5-4975.

## Faculty, staff flu shots

To help fight those nasty winter flu bugs, Human Resources will offer a flu-shot clinic for faculty and staff from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 6, in the 1829 Room, Student Alumni Union. You'll need to present your medical insurance card—if you have an HMO, the shot will be covered in full; if you have Blue Cross Blue Shield Comprehensive or Blue Million, you'll have a \$10 co-payment. For other benefits information, check out HR's Web page at <http://finweb.rit.edu/HumanResources>.

## HEOP gathering, Dec. 6

Bring your sweet tooth to the Higher Education Opportunity Program's Holiday Gathering, 2-3:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 6, in the Skalny Room, Interfaith Center. The celebration, open to the RIT community, will once again feature a brilliant array of desserts and other delectable goodies.

## Vaccinations for students

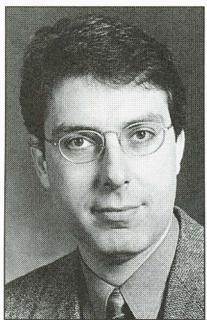
VACCESSHealth, in conjunction with RIT's Student Health Center, will conduct a Meningococcal Disease (Meningitis) and Influenza Immunization Outreach program on campus, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 7, in the Student Alumni Union. No appointments are necessary. The fee for the meningitis vaccine is \$75 and the fee for the flu vaccine is \$15, both of which can be paid by check (with valid driver's license), charged to Visa, MasterCard or American Express, or billed to a student account. For more information about the meningococcal meningitis or influenza vaccine, call the Student Health Center at 5-2255 (V) or 5-5515 (TTY) or a VACCESSHealth registered nurse at 1-877-482-2237 (toll free).



## Savakis appointed head of computer engineering

Andreas Savakis, associate professor, has been named head of RIT's computer engineering department.

An expert in digital imaging, Savakis began teaching at RIT in 1994 as an adjunct



Andreas Savakis

professor in computer engineering and electrical engineering. Prior to joining RIT full time earlier this year, he was a senior research scientist at Eastman Kodak Co. and an assistant professor at the University of Rochester. He also taught at North Carolina State

University in Raleigh and Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va.

Savakis earned a doctorate in electrical engineering from North Carolina State University and a master's degree in electrical engineering from Old Dominion University. His research interests include document image processing, image understanding and quality, and computer vision.

"Andreas' extensive knowledge of digital signal processing helps strengthen collaborations between computer and electrical engineering, and his research expertise in image processing, electronic imaging and pattern recognition is a valuable fit," says Harvey Palmer, dean of the Kate Gleason College of Engineering. "In addition, he's a perceptive leader and excellent teacher. His courses routinely receive among the highest ratings from students."

Savakis is also a member of the extended faculty of the Center for Imaging Science. He has worked on three patents owned by Kodak and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and has been recognized for inventive contributions by NASA.

His appointment as computer engineering department head was effective Nov. 1. ■

## Board of trustees discusses RIT's vision, campaign goals

During the Nov. 9-10 meeting, RIT's Board of Trustees had the opportunity to combine key discussion of RIT's vision and campaign goals with a celebration of the renovated James E. Gleason Building.

A panel of President Albert Simone, Provost Stanley McKenzie, vice presidents James Watters and Laurel Price Jones, and Tom Anderson of Marts & Lundy, a development consulting firm, presented goals for the upcoming campaign and discussed the importance of linking the Institute's vision to the work ahead. The panel cited the vision of "taking RIT to the next level in its ability to prepare students for successful careers in a rapidly changing, global economy" which will require increased retention, additional outstanding faculty and distinguished researchers, expanded curriculum, enhanced programs and facilities in emerging areas, and more involvement of alumni in campus community life.

To meet these needs, the campaign will

work to increase significantly merit scholarships, graduate fellowships, targeted undergraduate scholarships, and endowment for the honors and leadership program. Another key goal is to endow 20 chairs in priority areas including, for example, e-business; microsystems, manufacturing, photonics and other engineering areas; photography, film and

the potential College of Computing and Communications Technology, and addition of the Center for Science, Technology and Policy Studies to the College of Liberal Arts.

Enhancing environments for *First in Class* areas for industry and government partnerships—with funding for projects such as microsystems technology, nanoscale equip-

ment, photonics labs, information technology incubator ventures, bioinformatics and bioprocessing labs and the Sloan Center for the printing industry—makes up another crucial

part of the campaign goals.

The panel also stressed strengthening the student experience with projects including a field house and possible development of an RIT Commons to include retail space, housing and a gallery.

On another key topic addressed during the meeting, Simone synopsized the calendar debate for the trustees, recounting the passion and debate the topic inspired in both the student and faculty/staff population. "I believe the campus-wide discussion over the past two months is the most valuable experience this campus has shared in a number of years," he said. (See calendar story on page 1 for more information.)

General-session presentations to the trustees featured three reports. The trustees heard updates on the growth and success of the Center for Integrated Manufacturing Studies (CIMS) and the National Center for Remanufacturing and Resource Recovery (NCR<sup>3</sup>), given by William Sheeran, CIMS director, and Nabil Nasr, NCR<sup>3</sup> director, respectively. Chief Information Officer Diane Barbour reported on the state of information services delivery at RIT, noting the move to a customer and application focus as well as the merger of voice and data divisions.

Highlights of the two-day meeting included the ribbon-cutting event in the Gleason Building, which houses RIT's Kate Gleason College of Engineering. The event gave trustees and benefactors a chance to tour the renovated facility, which demonstrates the latest in teaching technology, aesthetics and socialization for students. ■

*The panel cited the vision of taking RIT to the next level in its ability to prepare students for successful careers in a rapidly changing, global economy...*

animation; a range of computing areas such as telecommunications technology and computer integrated manufacturing; plastics; and science, technology and policy studies.

Other areas of focus include new academic facilities, programs and equipment such as

## Two alumni among 40 Under 40 honorees

Two alumni from the College of Business have received special recognition. Stephen LaSalle and Frederick Borrelli are among this year's recipients of the *Rochester Business Journal's* 40 Under 40 award, recognizing professionals under 40 years old for service to both their



Stephen LaSalle

employers and the community at large.

LaSalle, 39, graduated from RIT with an M.B.A. in finance in 1985. He now serves as vice president of planning and finance at Celltech Medeva Pharmaceuticals, where he's worked for 11 years.

As the father of two sons, LaSalle is actively involved with Fairport's youth lacrosse program. He's also a member and

past chair of St. Catherine's parish finance committee and next year plans to lead

Celltech Medeva's United Way campaign. He feels tied to the community and regards the added responsibilities as his way to give something back.

"It's something I enjoy," LaSalle explains. "I like the mix of work and family life, but it can be challenging. Often, there just aren't enough hours in the day."

Borrelli, 39, is vice president of financial accounting services for Visiting Nurse Service of Rochester and Monroe County. His degrees from RIT include an A.A.S. in business and a B.S. in accounting.

Chair of the Health Care Financial Managers Association, Borrelli also serves on two committees for the United Way of Wayne County. He also organizes Mt. Hope Family Center's annual golf tournament and helps to coordinate girls youth basketball in Palmyra. On the job and in the community, Borrelli considers his successes a team effort.

"I like the contact I have with people," he reflects. "They're the ones that deserve the recognition because they're driven by helping others. These are the people who keep me focused."

This year's 40 Under 40 awards were presented Nov. 2 during a luncheon at the Hyatt Regency Rochester.

"I don't necessarily look at myself as being outstanding in terms of leadership, but it's good to have other people recognize that," Borrelli says.

"You don't do these things looking for recognition, but it's still nice to find out that it's appreciated," agrees LaSalle. "It helps to reinforce the efforts you make." ■

## Graduate students network in NYC

A recent trip to the Big Apple could result in a big payoff for a group of graduate students.

In October, 33 members of the College of Business M.B.A. program journeyed downstate to take part in an RIT career fair. The event gave them a chance to meet with potential employers based in the New York City area. It proved to be a valuable opportunity since many of these companies don't conduct interviews on campus.

"Based on the feedback from both students and recruiters, the trip was an unqualified success," says Don Wilson, M.B.A. director. "Several of these recruiters had never been exposed to our M.B.A. program. I am confident they now realize that RIT students are among the best in the country."

The event was conceived and sponsored by finance alumnus Braden Smith.

Companies that participated include Salomon Smith Barney, ESPN, Marketing Drive USA, Merrill Lynch, Xerox, Bloomberg, Worldcom and RCN. ■

## Carlson named to board of trustees

The RIT Board of Trustees elected one new member at its November meeting. Catherine Carlson, who continues her family's long-



Catherine Carlson

time belief in RIT, is now an honorary trustee. Her family's ongoing support of The Chester F. Carlson Center for Imaging Science reflects her interest in building RIT's reputation and success through its programs and students.

Catherine has represented the

Carlson family interests for the past several years. She is committed to maintaining the Carlson family legacy of philanthropic support of a variety of community organizations both in the Rochester area and further afield.

At RIT, Catherine's interest is particularly focused on the programs of the Chester F. Carlson Center for Imaging Science, with which she has had a growing relationship since 1993. Catherine initiated the idea of establishing the Chester F. Carlson collection of memorabilia within CIS. In addition, the transformation of a classroom/seminar room into the Carlson Learning Center has been accomplished because of the vision and generosity of Catherine and Dorris Carlson.

A recent \$1 million pledge from the Chester and Dorris Carlson Charitable Trust will add to the Chester F. Carlson Scholarship in Imaging Science established by Catherine and Dorris Carlson in 1994. The Chester F. Carlson Scholarship in Imaging Science helps increase student enrollment by aiding in both the recruitment and retention of the best students. ■



**DIGGIN' THE ARTS...** Groundbreaking ceremonies were held at the future site of the Joseph F. and Helen C. Dyer Arts Center at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf. Among those attending were, from left to right, Robert Skaggs, second-year applied computer technology student at NTID and a recipient of the Dyer Scholarship, representing the Dyers; Gracie Coleman, chairperson of The NTID Foundation; Elizabeth "Cookie" Williams, foundation board member and donor; Robert Davila, RIT vice president for NTID; and Albert Simone, RIT president. Construction on the center, beginning in December, should be finished by fall 2001.

## Customer Appreciation Day

Campus Connections' annual Customer Appreciation Day and sale will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., on Thursday, Dec. 7. To celebrate the season and thank RIT patrons, the store will feature door prizes, refreshments, a visit from Santa and sales on a variety of items in each department.

The store will give a 10 percent markdown, with RIT I.D., for the day on most merchandise, excluding computers, textbooks, photography equipment, pre-recorded video and audio tapes, CDs, special orders and Institute purchases. Faculty and staff will receive the sale price in addition to their regular discount.

For more information, call Campus Connections at 5-2501.



**GLOBALIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT...** During a visit to RIT Oct. 26, the finance minister of India and chair of the Development Committee of the World Bank, Yashwant Sinha, center, met with RIT President Albert Simone, at right, and local businessman Bal Dixit, at left, president and CEO of Newtex Industries Inc. The finance minister visited RIT at the invitation of Murlit Sinha, chair of RIT's sociology and anthropology department, and long-time friend. While on campus, Minister Sinha gave a talk on development and globalization.



# Packaging students win prize for "foamy" creation

Four packaging science majors each won \$500 from Empire/EMCO for their design of a package prototype using new technology designed by the Amherst-based firm.

For their idea of a product they call "Foammaccino," a foam-milk topping for

coffee, David Batz, Michael Beauchamp, Todd Berliner and Bradley Feldman earned top prize in competition among three groups in the course, Packaging for Marketing.

Students were charged with creating new packaging and marketing ideas for existing products. They had to implement a mechanical foaming pump in their prototypes. The other two groups created a "fun foamer" body wash for children and a foaming nail-polish remover.

On Nov. 1, four representatives from Empire/EMCO, including the firm's president and vice president, visited RIT to view student demonstrations and select the winning prototype. Runners-up won \$50 gift certificates to Campus Connections. The company also treated all of the students to lunch.



The award-winning prototype of "Foammaccino," shown above, earned \$500 each for four packaging science students in a class contest.

This was the second time Empire/EMCO sponsored the contest. "It's a great opportunity for students to experience real-life, hands-on, practical applications to what they'll be doing the rest of their lives," says Gary Burns, company vice president. "We're glad to participate—and what better place than our neighbors at RIT?"

"It was a great opportunity to work together in a real-world environment," says Berliner, fourth-year packaging science major.

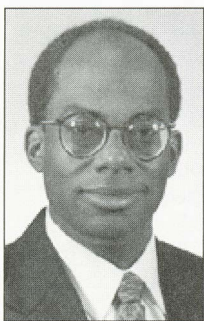
Karen Proctor, associate professor, says the contest mutually benefits students and Empire/EMCO. The course is offered twice a year. ■



**EYEING AN iBOOK...** RIT's first IT Expo and Career Fair, Nov. 3-4, drew an estimated 400 people each day. Sponsored by RIT's Office of Cooperative Education and Career Services, and Information Technology Student Organization, the event featured product demonstrations and career information from 30 companies. Shown here, Bob Erito and Adam Backstrom of MacRIT inspect an Apple iBook laptop computer. A "virtual career fair" continues through Dec. 31 at [www.rit.edu/~964www/RITjobtrak/RITjobtrak.htm](http://www.rit.edu/~964www/RITjobtrak/RITjobtrak.htm).

# RIT hosts Federal Reserve officer

Roger W. Ferguson Jr., Board of Governors vice chairman for the Federal Reserve System, will be the guest of RIT.



Roger Ferguson Jr.

Ferguson will offer remarks on "Technology and the Economy" during a Presidential Colloquium hosted by RIT.

The presentation at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 6, will be in the auditorium of the Chester F. Carlson Center for Imaging Science on RIT's Henrietta campus. The event is free and open to the public.

Ferguson took office as vice chairman last year for a four-year term. He has been a member of the Board of Governors since 1997. During that time, he also served as chairman of the Joint Year 2000 Council. The Council, supported by the Bank of

International Settlements, was formed to address issues associated with the Year 2000 computer challenge within the global financial supervisory community.

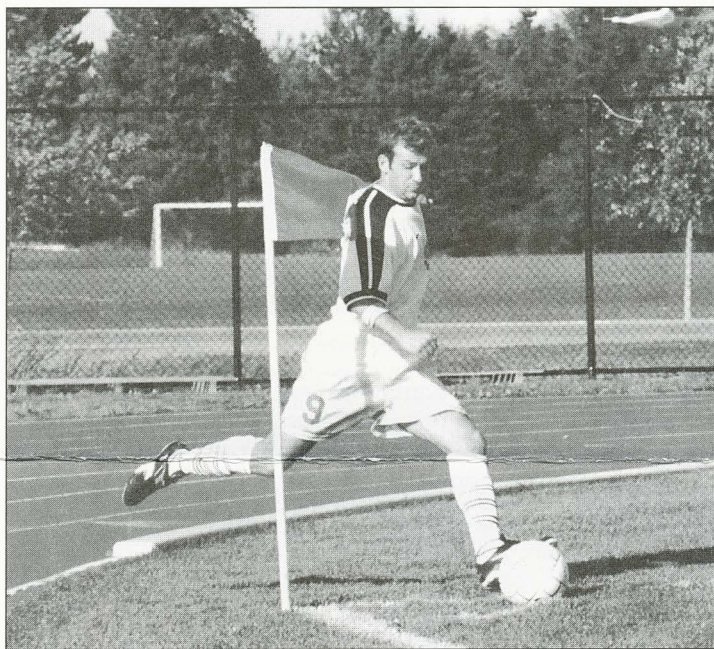
Prior to joining the Board, Ferguson was a partner at McKinsey & Co. Inc, an international management consulting firm, managing a variety of studies for financial institutions. He also worked as an attorney for Davis Polk & Wardell. In 1981, Ferguson earned his Ph.D. in economics from Harvard University.

The Federal Reserve System is an independent governmental entity created by Congress to serve as the central bank of the United States. Its purpose is to provide price stability and sustainable economic growth for the economy.

Last January, RIT President Albert Simone was appointed by Alan Greenspan and the Board of Governors to a three-year term as a director of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Only four other academic leaders have served as FRBNY directors in the past 20 years, according to data from the bank. ■

## Breakfast Series continues

The Liberty Hill Breakfast Series continues with two sessions in December. On Dec. 5, Ken Greene, president, Flour City Bagels, presents, "Corporate Agility in the 21st Century." On Dec. 13, Daryl M. Dickson, former senior vice president of human resources, Bausch and Lomb, presents, "The Role of Human Resources in the 21st Century." For reservations or more information, contact Karen Briggs at 5-7500 or Barry Culhane at 5-7202.



## NCAA TOURNEY RESULTS...

RIT senior Garrett Schmidt scored one goal and assisted on the game-winner as the Tigers topped College Misericordia, 2-1, in the first round of the NCAA Tournament Nov. 8. The Tigers fell to Drew University in the second round of the tourney, 2-0. RIT finished the season 12-5-2 and made its first NCAA tournament appearance since 1994. Schmidt was one of six Tigers named to the Empire Eight all-conference team. Tigers' Coach Bill Garno was the league's coach of the year.

**News & Events** is produced biweekly by University News Services/University Publications. Please send comments to *News & Events*, University News Services, Eastman Building, or call 475-5064 or fax 475-5097. **Editor:** Vienna Carvalho-McGrain **Layout:** Brenda Monahan **Copy Editor:** Susan Murphy **Contributing writers:** Pam Carmichael, Vienna Carvalho-McGrain, Dave Caspole, Laurie Maynard, Susan Murad, Susan Murphy, Michael Saffran, Paul Stella

When calling any campus number referred to in *News & Events* articles from off campus, use the 475-prefix.

Look for *News & Events* at RIT On-Line: <http://www.rit.edu/NewsEvents> on the World Wide Web. Send us e-mail at [newsevents@rit.edu](mailto:newsevents@rit.edu).



**RIT IN MINIATURE...** RIT's Women's Council recently provided funding for an updated RIT diorama located in the lobby of the George Eastman Building. The miniature version of RIT, complete with parking lots, landscaping and lots of brick buildings, was officially unveiled with a ribbon-cutting ceremony held Nov. 8. Shown here, from left to right, are Carolle Simone, past president, Women's Council; Aaron Thompson, a recent electrical engineering graduate who worked on the project; Susan Pitoniak, senior staff assistant, University News Services, and project coordinator; and RIT President Albert Simone. Other former RIT students who worked on the project were Tom Mollnow, Taylor Canby and Joshua Greenberg.

## Obituary

### Karl So

Karl So, a second-year information technology student at RIT, passed away as a result of an automobile accident Nov. 23. So, a native of Hong Kong, was traveling with two other students. A memorial service is being planned and details will be announced at a later date.

"The RIT community is deeply saddened by this tragedy," says Frank Lamas, associate vice president for student affairs. "Our thoughts and prayers go out to the So family and friends during this extremely difficult time."

RIT student Yin Man Leung, a second-year electrical engineering major, was injured in the accident. Houghton College student Wai Shun Chu was also killed.

**R.I.T.**  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
One Lomb Memorial Drive  
Rochester, NY 14623-5603

News & Events